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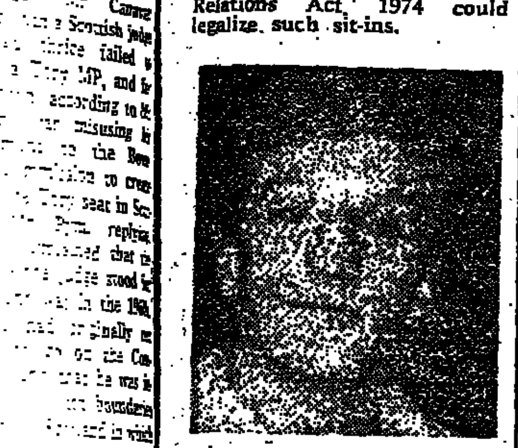
Mr Jock Bruce-Gardyne, the Economic Secretary to the Treasury, revealed that for every $1 fall in the price of a barrel of North Sea oil the Government's tax take would be reduced by between £250m and £300m this year. The price of the oil, he said in a constituency speech in Cheshire, had fallen by $1.50 since the beginning of the year Page 13

Amersham sale inquiry doubts

Whitehall embarrassment over the sale of Amersham International has grown with doubts over the possibility of an internal inquiry into the deal, which is said to have left the Treasury with £20m less than it could have raised Pages 2, 13

Ban on Plessey sit-in lifted

A court order for Plessey workers to end a sit-in at their Bathgate factory was overturned at Edinburgh Court of Session. It was ruled that the Trade Union and Industrial Relations Act, 1974 could legalize such sit-ins.



British boxer cancels fight

Appendicitis forced Colin Jones to pull out of his European welterweight title contest with the Dane Hans Henrik Palm in Copenhagen last night. Palm fought Georges Warussel, the veteran French champion, instead Page 17

Anger over tin price fall

As tin prices continued falling on the London Metal Exchange angry dealers questioned the motives of a mystery buyer, who until the start of the week, had been supporting the market Page 13

Adventure aid for jobless

Adventure courses for up to 10,000 young people are to be provided by the Ministry of Defence to combat the boredom of unemployment. The scheme, to be offered through local service recruitment offices, will consist largely of outdoor pursuits Page 2

Fleet Holdings set for launch

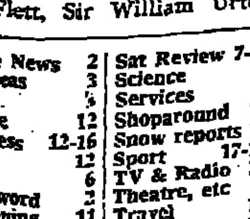
Dealings in the shares of Fleet Holdings, which includes Express newspapers, are expected to start next Thursday after details were published of its separation from Trafalgar House, the parent group. The new company will not include Trafalgar's half share in *The Standard*, the London evening newspaper Page 13

Ankara regime hits at left

Leading members of an international peace organization have been rounded up in Turkey in a new clamp-down by the military authorities. The principal defence lawyer of 52 detained left-wing trade union officials is among those held Page 3

Tanzanian jet hijacked

Unidentified hijackers diverted an Air Tanzania Boeing 737 with 99 passengers bound for Jeddah from Mwanza, on Lake Victoria, to Nairobi, where they threatened to blow it up if it was not refuelled



Whitelaw acts to stem overcrowding in prisons

By Peter Evans and Anthony Bevins

The Goverment is to introduce partially suspended sentences in the face of a worsening prison crisis which has seen the number of prisoners in Britain rise from 40,800 in December to 43,764 yesterday.

The rise plus the need to us police and court cells in London as a nemergency measure and two recent clashes with prison officers have alarmed ministers.

Now a parliamentary order laid down yesterday means courts will be able to impose partially-suspended sentences on offenders aged 21 and over for sentences of six months to two years.

Partial suspension will involve between a quarter and three-quarters of the sentences, which means that a person sentenced to two years may, after one-third remission, serve only four months in jail. Similarly, someone sentenced to six months may have 4½ months of the sentence suspended, less a further half month on remission and serve only one month.

If the offender is later convicted of another imprisonable offence, committed during the period of licensed release, the court can reactivate the suspended part of the previous sentence.

The move comes five months after a warning by Mr William Whitelaw, the Home Secretary, that a record prison population of 46,000 by the spring was "all too possible" if nothing was done. That would present a human problem of daunting proportions, he said.

Even if courts have responded to calls to reduce sentence lengths, police have given a warning of an increase in some serious crimes in the last part of the year and good intentions are being overwhelmed by sheer numbers.

The police and court cells have been used to take overspill from rotting London jails while emergency repairs are done. Nearly 150 cell spaces were used between January 29 and February 3. Seventeen prisoners were being held at the Inner London Crown Court on February 22, the latest figure available.

One sign of the way that tension can explode was at Brixton prison on January 25 when three prisoners, one armed with a razor, barricaded themselves into two cells and hydraulic jacks were used to unhinge the doors. A prisoner and three officers were injured in the clash as prisoners were being moved out so that others could be crammed in.

This week five more prisoners barricaded themselves into a cell at Wormwood Scrubs after an exchange of blows between one of the men and a member of staff. The prisoners were in C wing which is badly overcrowded with three prisoners often sharing cells that the Victorians built to hold one.

Last year Mr John McCarthy, the governor of Wormwood Scrubs, described his prison as a "penal dustbin" in a letter to *The Times* and condemned the conditions there.

The principle of partially-suspended sentences was introduced in the Criminal Law Act, 1977, but was not implemented because it was feared that courts might use the facility instead of fully suspended sentences, thereby increasing the population still further.

However, it is now argued that there is a trend towards shorter prison sentences, partly reflecting Mr Whitelaw's personal campaign to reduce the prison population, and that this climate will be ideal for the new system.

Mr Robert Kilroy-Silk, the Labour chairman of the all-party parliamentary Penal Affairs Group, last night criticized the move as an unnecessary gamble.

"At best, it could reduce the prison population by a very small amount. In the long term, it could increase the population significantly and therefore add considerably to overcrowding."

He said that the department should instead have opted for supervised release on parole or an increase in remission to 50 per cent.

The Advisory Council on the Penal System said in a 1978 report: "We view the partially suspended sentence as a legitimate means of exploiting one of the few reliable pieces of criminological knowledge, that many offenders sent to prison for the first time do not re-offend."

□ The magistrates association welcomed the move saying it would "enable a court to impose a total term of imprisonment which adequtaely reflects the serious nature of the case, but at the same time extends mercy to the defendant by requiring him to actually serve a shorter term" (the Press Association reports).

Amnesty move to oust Thorpe

By Michael Horsnell

A move to oust Mr Jeremy Thorpe, the former Liberal leader, from his new £14,000-a-year job as director of Amnesty Internation's British section will be made at a meeting in London today of the organization's 25-member council.

This follows growing resentment amongst Amnesty's 19,000 members throughout the country and anger amongst the 11-strong staff at his appointment earlier this month.

An emergency resolution calling for the appointment to be rescinded is expected to be tabled at the meeting, which has been specially moved from Amnesty's headquarters in Southampton Street to St Martins-in-the-Fields Church, ironically the scene of the organization's founding in 1961, because of the volume of protest.

This unprecedented move in the often stormy affairs of Amnesty, which campaigns for the release of prisoners of conscience, follows a week in which at least 170 letters of complaint about the appointment have been received from members and local groups.

Staff expressed their "apprehension at the increasing level of protest from the membership" and they have been backed by Amnesty's trade union liaison committee, representing more than 40 affiliated unions, which has registered its "grave concern" to the chairman of the British section, Frenchman Roger Briottet.

The level of the protest has forced M Briottet to invite members and groups to make representations to the council.

He was unavailable for comment yesterday, but council members and staff believe that he will be tempted to resign if a resolution against Mr Thorpe, who is due to start work on March 10, is carried. After the selection of the former MP M Briottet said: "The main reason why we chose Mr Thorpe was because we were impressed by his human rights record."

Any decision will cause a split in the Amnesty ranks, as a number of members have indicated that they will quit if Mr Thorpe remains.

Mr Thorpe, who lost his seat in 1979 after being acquitted of conspiracy to murder Mr Norman Scott, the former male model, is, because of previous misfortunes, widely regarded as unsuitable to hold the post of director of an organization which requires a reputation of unassailable integrity in its efforts to uphold human rights against abuse.

Mr Thorpe is not expected to attend today's council meeting. He was unavailable for comment last night.

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Crew saved after ship goes aground

A Royal Navy Sea King helicopter winched the 11-man crew of the 800-ton Craigantlet to safety yesterday after the container ship ran aground in heavy seas at Blackhead Point on the Galloway coast of Scotland.

Australian dockers accused of tax fiddle

Canberra, Feb 26.—Members of an Australian dockers' union were guilty of hundreds of millions of dollars' worth of tax evasion, perpetrated extensive social-security frauds, and were involved in crimes ranging from theft to murder, according to the findings of an official inquiry.

A Royal Commission, which has been investigating the Ship Painters' and Dockers' Union for nearly two years, presented an interim report to Parliament last night.

The report concentrated on tax evasion. It said that four cases involved non-payment of more than $A2m (£1.2m), and that "there are hundreds of such cases".

A claim in the report that the Taxation Department had been reluctant to place its officers in "any kind of physical jeopardy" by letting them give evidence before the Commission was denied by Mr Bill O'Reilly, the Tax Commissioner. The Commission said that, when it asked the Deputy Tax Commissioner for Victoria to attend its offices for discussions, "great reluctance was shown by him and there was talk of concrete boots".

The report added that companies involved in tax avoidance schemes appointed members of the union to their boards because of their ability to provide false identities, and because of their violent reputations.

Mr Jack "Putty Nose" Nicholls, the union's Victoria secretary, was found shot dead in his car last June, after he had failed to give evidence to the Commission. An inquest found that he had committed suicide.—Reuter.

Caned schoolgirl awarded £1,200

By Lucy Hodges

A girl, aged 14, who was beaten by her headmistress and as a result developed weals on her buttocks of more than a foot long, has been awarded £1,200 in a settlement reached by the European Commission of Human Rights.

The report of the settlement between the girl's mother and the British Government has not yet been made public but it reveals that the Government is to send out a circular letter to education authorities next week telling them that the use of corporal punishment may in certain circumstances be contrary to Article 3 of the European Convention on Human Rights.

That article says that no one shall be subjected to torture or to inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment. The Government also agreed to pay the girl's mother more than £1,000 in legal costs.

Mr Tom Scott, education secretary of Stopp, the Society of Teachers Opposed to Physical Punishment, said last night that the settlement was another blow to the Government from Strasbourg. On Thursday the European Court of Human Rights found against the United Kingdom in cases brought by two mothers in Scotland about the use of the tawse.

"This is just another case that will surely bring home to the Government that they have got to ban corporal punishment because they will not get out of it so easily on future occasions," he said.

There are a number of other complaints filed in Strasbourg in which Scottish and English children have been beaten and where parents allege a breach of Article 3. The reason why "a friendly settlement" between the Government and the mother has been reached is that the mother wanted to avoid publicity and was afraid that if she went ahead to a hearing at the European court she would lose her anonymity.

Mr Scott said the Government was lucky to "have got out of this particular case with a friendly settlement". It was significant that the United Kingdom had paid £1,200 for the caning, he said. "It is going to cost the Government a considerable amount if it has to pay out such a sum for every caning."

The Department of Education and Science confirmed last night that a settlement had been reached in this case and that the mother had been paid at least £2,200. It is to issue the circular to education authorities, together with a copy of the commission's report on the friendly settlement.

The report of the settlement, reached on December 17, concerned a girl at an English state secondary school. It is understood that she was beaten for a fairly trivial misdemeanour.

She received a few strokes of the cane and a doctor found that they had produced weals on the buttocks and hand. The girl was in discomfort for days and traces of the caning remained for a considerably longer period.

The mother and her daughter were represented by Mr Cedric Thornberry, formerly a lecturer at the London School of Economics who now works for the United Nations. European Commission watchers are impressed at the scale of damages awarded to the girl which they say shows how seriously the commission regards beating.

BBC scents victory in breakfast TV race

By Kenneth Gosling

The BBC is expected to beat independent television to the launch of a breakfast service by a clear month if TV-AM has to stick to the May, 1983 starting date laid down by the Independent Broadcasting Authority.

Mr Peter Jay, TV-AM's chairman, is urging the authority to allow his company to launch breakfast television next winter, the earliest date it can be ready.

The BBC's board of governors, which met last Thursday, is understood to have agreed to proposals by Mr Alasdair Milne, director-general designate, which would allow the BBC to begin morning broadcasting at Easter next year, which falls in the first week of April.

Estimates have put the cost to the BBC at £5m a year, most of which would be met by economies in other areas of broadcasting.

One of the likely candidates to present the BBC's new morning programme is Terry Wogan, who is to host a new mid-week chat show this summer.

Trapped by a voice print

Kenneth Peverley, unemployed, of Adamstown, Cardiff, was put on probation for a year at Cardiff Crown Court for burglary. When he broke into an office he knocked over a dictating machine which switched itself on, and the police recognized his voice when he muttered to himself.

SDP council calls in Acas to end strike by 1,500 workers

By Richard Evans

Leaders of Britain's only SDP-controlled local authority called in the Arbitration, Conciliation and Advisory Service last night to try to solve an increasingly acrimonious dispute involving about 1,500 striking council employees.

The private and informal discussions between Islington Borough Council and officials of the conciliation service came after a day when senior councillors claimed the dispute, involving members of the National and Local Government Officers' Association, was being used to discredit the SDP at national level.

Council leaders yesterday gave *The Times* a notebook discovered recently in Islington town hall, which they say records recent Nalgo branch meetings and details tactics the union could take in confrontation with the council.

Mr Gerry Southgate, deputy leader of the council, said: "With other evidence and what we have been told of various meetings, it shows there is an attempt to create widespread industrial action in Islington before the May local elections because the SDP is in charge, in order to influence the results and to discredit, through Islington, the SDP at a national level".



Mr James Evans: Claims he was attacked.

The dispute began two weeks ago when an employee was transferred to a job which was withdrawn when he arrived to take it. Although that has been settled, industrial action escalated when the council proposed not to reopen a children's home temporarily shut by the original strike.

Seven children in care have been looked after by volunteers in make shift accommodation since Wednesday night.

Mr James Evans, leader of the council said yesterday he was attacked after about 100 demonstrators massed outside the temporary accommodation late on Thursday night.

Mr Southgate said: "There are a few people in an important position in the union who are determined to have a go at the SDP. They have managed to persuade a vast number, who are probably neutral, that we are acting in an outrageous way, which I do not think we are".

The local Nalgo branch decided yesterday to continue the industrial action. The dispute has been made official.

Mr James Butlin, the branch president, strongly denied last night that the union's action was aimed at the SDP. He said the notebook discovered by the councillors did not represent the formal minutes of branch meetings. "Our objection is that they closed the home without any negotiations or any discussions with the staff at all".

Mr Butlin said his members had dealt with councils led by three different political groups over the last year and they would oppose any administration they felt was not negotiating through the normal channels.

UN sending 1,000 more troops to Lebanon

From Zoriana Pysariwsky, New York, Feb 26

The United Nations is to send another 1,000 peace-keeping troops to southern Lebanon after threats of an Israeli invasion and fighting between Palestinians and Lebanese Christians.

The extra soldiers, expected to be from France and Fiji, are to land within days to reinforce the 6,000 already in the area.

The Security Council last night agreed to bolster the force, but failed to accede to Lebanon's request that the troops be given more powers to restore order.

Behind the Lebanese request is a desire to restore its soverignty in the area, although threats of an Israeli invasion to clear Palestinian enclaves have given new urgency to efforts to defuse the crisis.

It is considered here that the extra troops will be a possible deterrent to an Israeli invasion. The peace-keeping forces cannot, under their present mandate, control military activity of the Palestine Liberation Organization or that of Major Saad Haddad's Christian militia.

□ Beirut: Mr Philip Habies, President Reagan's special Middle East envoy, met President Sarkis of Lebanon this evening after warnings that Israel was poised to invade. It was his fifth mission on the Lebanese crisis. He helped to negotiate a ceasefire between the combatants last July.—AP.

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Brixton report does not aid thugs, says Scarman

By a Staff Reporter

Lord Scarman yesterday defended himself against criticisms made by a senior Scotland Yard officer and said that his report on last year's Brixton riots did not make it more difficult for the police to combat street crime.

"I do not agree that my report has aided the thugs", Lord Scarman said at a House of Commons press conference. "There is nothing in any recommendation of the report which should undermine the capacity of the police to act."

Mr Leslie Walker, Deputy Assistant Commissioner, said last night on London Weekend Television's *The London Programme*, that Lord Scarman's report had put the Metropolitan Police in a dilemma. He is in charge of south London police.

Referring to Lord Scarman's examination of saturation policing operations such as Swamp 81, Mr Walker commented: "He says that a police operation of that sort will at times be essential in order to contain the crime rate, but that if the police operation is likely to cause a disturbance leading to a riot, then the police should withdraw.

"What I would like to see his lordship say is what he thinks we should do when the sheer weight of crime itself is threatening the public tranquility."

Lord Scarman said yesterday that there was nothing in his report condemning Operation Swamp.

"I say no more now than I did in my report, when I said that large operations of this sort, when street crime becomes burdensome, are justifiable", he added. "But they must be undertaken after consultation."

US fears Soviet block debt crisis

By Bailey Morris in Washington and Peter Wilson-Smith

Romania's failure to meet a scheduled payment of $5.8m (£3.16m) to the United States Government is bringing new fears in Washington of a deepening financial crisis in Eastern Europe which could put severe strains on the international monetary system.

A senior United States Treasury Department official said yesterday the Reagan Administration is concerned that the crisis in Poland is having a domino-like effect on the rest of tht Soviet block.

The ill effects are resulting in a virtual drying up of private bank lending to Eastern Europe, the offical said.

This raises the strong possibility that other financitlly-pressed countries such as Yugoslavia and even East Germany coupld experience severe liquidity problems in the months ahead.

"The situation is being closely watched her," an Administration offical said. He disclosed that a joint team of Statt Department and Treasury Department officials has been formed to monitor developments.

Against this background, hopes of signing agreement with Poland to reschedule $2,400m of debt due in 1981 on the March 4 target date have received another setback. Poland has still not paid all $500m interest payements due from 1981. Only a small amount is thought to be outstanding — at least $50m but well under $100m, according to one estimate—but Western banks made payment of the 1981 interest a firm condition of the rescheduling agreement.

Banking sources in West Germany described the Poles' failure to meet all the interest payments as disappointing and said a final decision would be taken on Monday on whether or not to abandon the signing on March 4.

Romania's failure to meet the latest payment due on $91m in grain loans either made or guaranteed by the United States government, makes it the second Soviet block-country after Poland to go into arrears on its debts. Romania's hard currency debts are estimated at $10,000m to $14,000m while Poland owes £26,500m.

Officials have been aware of Romania's financial difficulties for some time but they were apparently caught by surprise when the Romanian Bank for Foreign Trade failed to pay on schedule.

Mr Dean Fischer, the State Department's spokesman, said the department did not learn until last Wednesday of Romania's failure to meet payments due in December and January.

Only then, in a diplomatic query late on Thursday, did the United States ask Romania for a full explanation.

NEWS IN SUMMARY

Caledonian acquires Laker base

British Caledonian Airways said yesterday it has acquired Laker Airway's engineering and maintenance base at Gatwick airport. It was not clear how the move would affect Sir Freddie Laker and Lonrho plans for a "people's airline".

The Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs has lodged an objection with the Civil Aviation Authority to Sir Freddie's proposals for the new airline.

Police 'sus' law plea to Lords

The Metropolitan Police is to seek leave to appeal to the House of Lords over a recent High Court ruling that it is illegal to continue with prosecutions against people charged before the "sus" law was repealed last August.

The High Court last week refused the force leave to appeal to the House of Lords, but the Metropolitan Police now plans to go to the Lords to seek permission for an appeal. The High Court ruling affects more than 150 potential prosecutions in London.

Co-op hunt ban denounced

The Co-operative Wholesale Society's decision to ban hunting on its 38,000 acres of farmland was criticized yesterday by hunting organizations.

Mr Anthony Hunt, secretary of the Master of Foxhounds Association, said the ban, from June, could mean the closure of some hunts and an increase in the fox population. The British Field Sports Society is planning a campaign against the ban, which Mr Richard Tracey, the society's secretary, said was left-wing inspired.

Vandals derail chemical train

Eight wagons of a train carrying dangerous chemicals were derailed in Bootle, Merseyside, on Thursday night because nuts and bolts had been removed from the track, British Rail said yesterday.

Several of the crew were treated for shock after a 100-yard stretch of line was ripped up. British Rail said vandals could not have been responsible for "this professional piece of vandalism".

Cosmetics firm is fined £100

A. & F. Pears Ltd., the cosmetics company, was fined £100 and ordered to pay £1,500 costs at Croydon Crown Court yesterday four months after they had been convicted under the Trades Description Act of misleading customers by selling moisturizing cream in double-skinned jars.

Mr Nicholas Philpot, for the company, said yesterday that from September jars would be single-shelled and present stock would be labelled as double-skinned.

Patient's move starts strike

A 24-hour strike was staged by nursing and ancillary staff at Tooting Bec psychiatric hospital in south London, yesterday, in protest at the transfer to a drug dependency unit of a patient they say is violent.

The staff, who provided emergency cover, want the issue referred to the disputes procedure but the hospital management say that it is a question of clinical freedom and, as such, cannot be referred to the disputes machinery.

World Cup date for Keegan case

A civil action involving Kevin Keegan, the England football captain, was yesterday set for July 1, when the World Cup will be taking place in Spain. Mr Keegan is suing Public Eye Enterprises, of Town Centre House, Merrion Centre, Leeds. The company is counter-suing Mr Keegan and his agent, Mr Henley Swales. Mr Justice Michael Davies, in the High ... gave Mr Keegan ... dates changed.

Jobless get taste of adventure with the forces

By Henry Stanhope, Defence Correspondent

The Ministry of Defence is to offer adventure training courses for up to 10,000 young people this summer, to help combat the boredom of unemployment. The £1.5m scheme will be funded from the defence budget.

Whitehall sources last night denied that service chiefs have opposed the idea, details of which are due to be announced by Mr John Nott, Secretary of State for Defence, next week. But Mr Nott was said to be displeased about yesterday's leak, which rather upstaged his prepared disclosure.

The scheme which will involve courses lasting two or three weeks with one of the three services was originally part of a package prepared by the forces under the Youth Opportunities Programme last year.

The initiative then came to nothing, because of disagreement over financing and political suspicion that the ministry was trying to introduce a form of national service for the jobless.

The present exercise avoids such criticism by offering no military instruction. It is also entirely voluntary, and those interested will be able to apply through their local service recruiting office.

Nor is it solely for the unemployed. Although it is hoped that jobless youngsters in Britain's big cities will take advantage of the opportunity, those who are already working and others who are in between school and further education can also apply.

The training will consist of instruction in outdoor pursuits such as canoeing, sailing and orienteering. The Army will run two-week courses in the Scottish Highlands, the Royal Air Force two-week sessions in Yorkshire and the West Midlands, while those with the Royal Navy will spend three weeks in and out of water at Portsmouth, including a week with the Royal Marines on Dartmoor.

The services were unenthusiastic about the idea when it was first proposed because they feared it might divert too much of their resources and their time, but the more they thought about it the keener they became. General Sir Edwin Bramall, Chief of the General Staff, was among those who were said to be disappointed by the Government's failure to get the scheme into operation.

The services now find themselves with spare training facilities because more soldiers, sailors and airmen are renewing their engagements during the recession. Relatively few recruits are passing through the training depots.

That was illustrated by the latest manpower figures released by the ministry yesterday, which showed that recruiting of servicemen and women between April and December last year was less than half that during the same period in 1980.

The ministry has said that continued control of recruiting will be necessary for the time being, to save the 19,500 jobs ordered in last summer's defence review.

The number of people leaving the forces went down by a quarter between April and December, while the outflow of 7,221 between September and the turn of the year was the lowest since the end of conscription.

The turnover of officers actually went up during the same period, partly because the forces are still seeking high quality leaders.

Total strengths on December 31 were: Royal Navy, 66,113; Royal Marines, 7,928; Army, 165,682; Royal Air Force, 91,850; Total, 331,573.

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Simon Davy, aged three, looks with awe at the giant figure he met on a London street yesterday. Known as Dr B, the figure is the new fatherly character chosen by Dr Barnado's to replace Bobby B, who used to stand on the charity's collecting boxes.

Bill Warhurst

Army told to expect cut in overseas allowances

By Our Defence Correspondent

Soldiers in the British Army of the Rhine and West Berlin have been warned to brace themselves for what will be seen as a pay cut. From April, their local overseas allowances (LOAs) are to be reduced.

The figure has not been decided, but it is understood the reduction could be greater than 25 per cent.

The allowances, which were high for many years, were cut substantially in 1975 as the gap between the cost of living in the two countries narrowed.

In 1977, when a cut of between 30 and 40 per cent was thought to be justified, the ministry was so afraid of provoking discontent among troops already unhappy about their pay rise that it decided to leave the allowances as they were. The proposed reductions could have meant a 15 per cent drop in the net pay of many servicemen.

Whitehall officials are acutely embarrassed by this latest round of cuts in what most of the 65,000 servicemen and women in West Germany regard as one of the prime prerequisites of living abroad.

Those already serving there have been advised to "review their spending patterns and to be prepared to make economies where possible", according to a spokesman last night. New arrivals should "seriously consider deferring long-term commitments until more detailed information on the new rates of LOA is available".

Ministers would prefer to release the new levels along with the next forces' pay rise, also due on April 1, on the grounds that a pay rise, however modest, might lessen discontent.

But officials believe that high civilian unemployment has made servicemen reluctant to leave the forces.

The strength of sterling against European currencies is one of the reasons given for the latest reduction.

Examples of existing daily LOAs for single servicemen are: major, £4.41; warrant officer, class 2, £3.23; lance-corporal, £1.71; married rates; major, £7.96; warrant officer, class 2, £6.79; lance-corporal, £5.30.

Tape trial detective suspended

By Stewart Tendler Crime Reporter

A detective constable was yesterday under investigation by Scotland Yard's complaints investigation bureau after a tape recording was played at a Central Criminal Court trial.

The trial was stopped and last night the Yard confirmed that Detective Constable Peter Bignold, of J Division in east London, had been suspended.

Constable Bignold was giving evidence in the trial of Mr John Goodwin, a businessman, age 39, of Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire, who denied conspiracy to burgle a bank in east London in 1978.

After part of a tape-recording, made some months ago with a microphone hidden in a Christmas tree at a Hertfordshire house, was played in court, the prosecution offered no evidence and the jury was ordered to acquit Mr Goodwin.

In the witness box Constable Bignold listened to an extract from the tape and then refused to answer questions. He had earlier been told by Judge Neil McKinnon, QC, that he need not answer anything which might incriminate him.

The tape was produced by Mr Stephen Leslie, for the defence, who told the jury that the recording had been made last December. Mr Goodwin was present with Constable Bignold and a detective inspector.

When he asked Constable Bignold to confirm it was his voice on the tape, the detective refused to answer.

Embarrassment deepens over Amersham sale

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

Whitehall's intense embarrassment over the sale of Amersham International increased yesterday with deepening confusion over whether a formal inquiry should be made into the deal.

Senior sources suggested that the Prime Minister was indeed embarrassed by reports that £20m profit had been made at the taxpayers' expense and that in such circumstances, an internal inquiry would naturally follow.

It was stated, therefore, that an inquiry could be expected in both the Treasury and the Department of Energy to discover why the flotation went so badly wrong and what lessons could be learnt.

But Whitehall later backtracked when that was interpreted to mean that the Prime Minister had either asked for or would even receive a report.

For it was revealed that Mr Nigel Lawson, Secretary of State for Energy, a former City Editor of *The Sunday Telegraph*, felt the deal was not the disaster it was being painted in the press.

Indeed, it was suggested that the newspapers carried some of the blame, because they had helped to whip up the hysteria which had so excessively inflated the price of Amersham shares, and that once the excitement had died down the shares would find a natural level rather closer to the estimated price of 142p.

No inquiry was being planned in the Department of Energy because, in essence, the method of flotation had achieved its purpose: of keeping the company unded domestic control, of giving the employees fair shares, and of spreading the benefits of privatization among the public.

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Jeers greet plan for dockland housing

By David Nicholson-Lord

The first big private housing development in the Government's plans to revitalize London's docklands was opened yesterday to the unpromising accompaniment of boos, jeers and prolonged barracking.

Local council tenants joined about 50 left-wing demonstrators, including two Labour MPs, in a protest at the visit of Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for the Environment, to open a new housing estate at Beckton Park, near the old Royal Docks in Newham. About 600 houses are being built there, six miles from the City and advertised as bargains at between £18,000 and £28,000.

But demonstrators were unimpressed by Mr Heseltine's declaration that the houses represented the fulfilment of a dream and a "dramatic new opportunity" for local people. Most people on the Newham waiting list, they said, would not be able to afford them.

Mrs Lillian Hopes, secretary of a Newham council tenants' federation, said: "We cannot even afford to pay our rents, let alone £19,000 for a one-bedroom flat here. After what this government has done to London, I think it is disgraceful that Mr Heseltine has the cheek to show his face in Newham, especially to open these rabbit hutches".

But Mr Nigel Broackes, chairman of the London Docklands Development Corporation, persevered against the chants of "houses for rent" and "boring" to proclaim the houses the best value in the South-east.

Four builders, Barretts, Broseley, Comben, and Wimpey, are involved in the scheme on land taken over by the corporation.

The key to the corporation's philosophy is private venture capital, many representatives of which attended yesterday's ceremony.

□ Mr Heseltine was hit in the face by an egg thrown by a demonstrator last night in Southal, west London. After wiping off the yolk, he denounced the "wild forces of the left" who, he said, were following him around.

He accused the demonstrators of being "rentacrowd" and representing "nobody but the extreme left". Mr Heseltine was meeting Ealing council and local community leaders to announce a £1.8m government urban aid programme for Southall.

The egg was thrown as he enter the meeting and entered the meeting and passed jeering demonstrators chanting, "Tories out". Mr Heseltine said the demonstrators often seemed to hit their own people with the eggs

Science report

How nature can help to produce 'acid rain'

By the Staff of "Nature"

Two meteorologists have calculated that natural causes can lead to higher acidities of rainwater than were previously thought possible and therefore that "acid rain" may not be entirely the result of burning coal and oil in industrial centres.

It has generally been thought that the acidity (pH) of "pure" rainwater has an upper limit of about pH 5.6, and that higher acidities lower ph values) are largely due to the industrial release of gaseous sulphur dioxide which later forms atmospheric sulphuric acid. That assumption is based on calculations of the extent to which natural sulphur compounds contribute to atmospheric sulphuric acid. Those calculations have tended to assume that there is a uniform global distribution of naturally produced sulphuric acid.

However, Dr R. J. Charlson and Dr H. Rodhe, from the International Meteorological Institute, Stockholm, now argue that the natural sulphur cycle can produce large geographical and temporal variations in the amounts of the sulphur compounds which determine the natural acidity of rainwater. Global averages of natural sulphur concentrations may therefore be misleading in the evaluation of the cause of acid rain at particular locations.

The additional natural acidity considered by Dr Charlson and Dr Rhodhe comes from compounds such as sulphur dioxide, from volcanic emissions, and dimethylsulphide, produced by biological activity on the surface layer of the ocean. The distribution of such sources is obviously not uniform over the globe. Furthermore, there is a lack of uniformity in the atmospheric cycling and expected rate of removal by clouds of sulphate aerosol, to which the natural sulphur compounds break down before forming sulphuric acid.

Allowing for these factors Dr Charlson and Dr Rodhe calculate that average pH values of about 5 can occur in unpolluted regions. Indeed, the natural pH of rainwater could be as low as 4.5, a level of acidity that would normally be attributed to pollution from the burning of fossil fuels. In northern Europe and eastern North America annual average pH values of 4.3 are common.

That does not detract from the seriousness of the acid rain problem in areas like Scandinavia and northern Europe, a matter that is to be the subject in June of a two-week conference attended by 15 European environment ministers. Continental Europe tends to be less vulnerable than Scandinavia to the effects of acid rain, because greater amounts of limestone are present to neutralize it before it damages the ecosystem.

Source: *Nature*, vol 295, pp683 and 641, February 25, 1982.

Rapist of schoolgirl gets life

Leonard Mahon, aged 20, was jailed for life at the Central Criminal Court yesterday for raping a girl aged 14 in a derelict house. Mahon, unemployed, of Townsend Road, Southall, West London, pleaded guilty on December 16 to raping the girl on July 3. He was then remanded in custody for reports.

When he appeared in court again on January 11, Judge Slot criticized the reports and demanded a "proper psychiatric report". Mahon had raped the girl six weeks after being released from prison, where he was sent for attempting to rape a girl aged eight.

Judge Slot said at that time: "The report I have before me is not the slightest help to me." It had described Mahon as having "a history of inadequate personal and social behaviour".

The judge said: "Here is a man with a serious record for offences of this kind and the wording of the psychiatric reports makes it appear that they knew nothing about it."

Demanding a fuller assessment, he said: "Rape of children is in my view about as serious an offence as there is."

Yesterday Judge Slot said his comments about the report had received much publicity, "about which I have no comment".

He said he had received two further reports, which were "a model" and made it clear Mahon was a risk to children. "It is clear that you are a young man who had the great misfortune to have a strong sexual urge, stimulated by children", he told him.

Mahon had spoilt the lives of at least two children. "I am not prepared to take a chance with you", the judge said.

Mr Peter Danbury, for the prosecution, had told the judge that Mahon had been convicted of attempting to rape a girl aged eight he met in the street in July, 1978. He told her to go into an alley or he would kill her.

Mahon was sentenced on February 26, 1980, and on April 1 that year was sentenced for an indecent assault on another girl of eight in April, 1979.

□ Christopher Jennings, aged 28, unemployed, was sentenced to 14 years' imprisonment yesterday after St Albans Crown Court heard how he tried to rape a girl aged 12.

Jennings climbed through the girl's bedroom window late at night while her parents, brothers and sisters were asleep. He told her he had come to kill her father, a solicitor, for "putting away" one of his friends, Mr Michael Bulleid for the prosecution said.

Universities fail to gain grant improvements

By Diana Geddes, Education Correspondent

The University Grants Committee (UGC) yesterday completed in all but a handful of cases its consideration of requests by universities for changes in their allocation of grant and student numbers up to 1983-84. Fewer than a dozen universities have won modifications, some amounting to no more than £50,000.

It is believed that Salford is the only university to get a virtual promise of an extension of the time-scale for its cuts. Its application for an extension of from three to five years for the cuts has been rejected, but the UGC says in a letter it is "minded to agree to an extension of the final run-down period to four years, with grants for 1982-83 and 1983-84 increased accordingly".

Salford was told last July that by 1983-84 its grant would be cut by 44 per cent, the largest cut for any university.

In its latest letter, the UGC says that it had decided to extend the time-scale of the cuts because the university might "need a little more time in which to accommodate major changes".

Bradford, which originally received a cut of 33 per cent, has been told that it may increase its number of engineering students by 50 and that its grants will be increased accordingly.

So far, the UGC has been considering only possible variations on last July's distribution of the Government block grant to universities. It has not yet made any decisions about claims on its £20m restructuring fund, which it plans to keep exclusively for new developments, nor about claims on the Government's £50m restructuring fund, to be used primarily for redundancy payments.

RIPPON IN CALL FOR FREEDOM

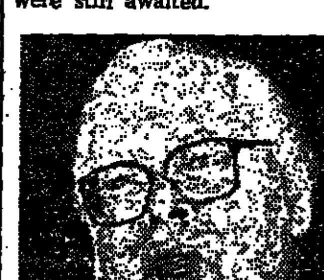
By Our Political Correspondent

The Government's failure to carry out a manifesto commitment to discuss a Bill of Rights was last night underlined by Mr Geoffrey Rippon the former Cabinet minister, in an address at Kent University.

Mr Rippon, Conservative MP for Hexham, said: "Respect for fundamental freedoms and recognition of the civil and political rights of the individual is basic to the concept of the rule of law in a free society".

But he said the executive had bitten deep into such rights with retroactive legislation, and arbitrary law encroaching on private property such as the 1977 Nationalization of the aircraft and shipbuilding industries.

Mr Rippon said that the case for a Bill of Rights had been widely supported and his own party had pledged all-party discussions, but these were still awaited.



Mr Geoffrey Rippon: Bill of Rights urged.

Adoption of the European Convention on Human Rights had also been thwarted even though the United Kingdom was the only remaining signatory which had neither incorporated it into domestic law nor introduced a human rights charter.

People with grievances were now using the court at Strasbourg to defend their rights but this was no substitute for the exercise of Parliament's traditional sovereignty.

Oil saving disputed by lead additive firm

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

The controversy over lead in petrol intensified yesterday when the manufacturer of the organic lead compound added to motor fuels replied to critics.

Associated Octel, which is owned entirely in Britain by BP, Shell, Mobil, Texaco and Chevron, rebutted an analysis showing that the use of unleaded petrol would save nearly 400,000 tonnes of oil a year in the United Kingdom.

That analysis was produced earlier this week by Friends of Earth, one of the organizations supporting the new campaign for lead-free air. However, the argument about the technical benefits of lead-free petrol is delicately balanced, because it recognizes that a smaller proportion of premium grade petrol can be obtained from a barrel of oil in an unleaded refinery.

That drawback is said to be offset because unleaded petrol gives the motorist a better mileage to the gallon, there is less engine wear and the remaining oil products in the refinery are not wasted but used for other industrial purposes.

However, Associated Octel claims that information for the study, which draws on American experience, is inappropriate. Refining conditions in the United States and Europe are said to be very different. One reason is that a higher ratio of premium to lower grade petrol is used by the European motorist, with the consequence that larger volumes of oil are refined to produce higher-octaine petrol.

Moreover, the manufacturer says that calculations showing that 430,000 tonnes of extra crude oil would be needed in the refineries were wrong. That was the amount which will be needed by 1985, when the level of lead allowed in petrol has to be cut from 0.4 grammes a litre to 0.15 grammes, bringing the British Government regulations in line with an EEC directive.

'Times' talks on Monday

By Our Labour Staff

Management and local union officials representing clerical workers at *The Times* and *The Sunday Times*, 210 of whom have been sent compulsory redundancy notices, are to hold talks on Monday.

The second meeting was arranged yesterday after earlier clerical workers' officials and company representatives met for the first time since Mr Rupert Murdoch's fresh appeal for applicants for voluntary redundancy. The scheme, reopened for clerical departments, offers payments between 12 weeks wages and a maximum of £25,000.

Mr Murdoch has said that if enough acceptable applicants come forward to replace them the compulsory notices will be withdrawn.

The representatives of the clerical chapels (union office branches) of the National Society of Operative Printers Graphical and Media Personnel are understood to have asked for the compulsory notices to be withdrawn, at least for the period of negotiations, though that request was declined by management yesterday.

Mr David Edwards, father (chairman) of *The Times* Natsopa clerical chapel, last night denied "categorically" that Miss Mary Fogarty, a member who made public her opposition to the chapel motion passed on Wednesday, faced "branching" or disciplinary action.

Mr Edwards said that suggestions that a branch official said Miss Fogarty would be disciplined were "absolutely without foundation as far as I am concerned". He added: "There is no question of any witch hunt and I am sure that goes for the other chapel and branch officers."

DEVOLUTION ONLY WAY, PRIOR SAYS

From Richard Ford, Belfast

Mr James Prior, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, yesterday ruled out integration with the United Kingdom as an answer to the problems of the province, promising that his approach to devolution would be gradual.

It is now expected that his political initiative will be announced before he visits the United States within the next two months. It is hoped that that will encourage much needed North American investment in Northern Ireland.

Mr Prior told 300 economists, businessmen, trade unionists and politicians at a conference on the future of Northern Ireland's economy that political progress was a prerequisite of stability and economic prosperity.

"I do not believe that integration with Great Britain is an answer to the problem of Northern Ireland, and insofar as it is an answer, it is very much second best", Mr Prior said.

"It does not fit our history and it does not produce the stability we need. If we were not so closely integrated at the moment it would be far easier for a responsible administration here to change its patterns and the way it conducts its industrial affairs so that it suited the province, rather than going along with what suits Birmingham, London, Newcastle and Glasgow."

Integration also had the disadvantage of denying the many advantages that would come from being a closely-knit unit making its own decisions.

TORIES ARE ATTACKED ON TAXES

By Our Political Corespondent

Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader and Mr Denis Healey, deputy leader of the Labour Party, last night united in attacking the tax burden imposed by the Government.

Mr Healey said in a speech at Crook, co Durham, that anyone getting up to twice average earnings was now paying more in income tax and national insurance than when Labour was in power. Insurance contributions were going up on average by more than £1 a week in April and value added tax had almost doubled.

"All this from a Prime Minister who won the election on a promise to cut taxes", he declared.

Mr Steel told a Liberal rally in tSockport that the Government had depressed economic incentive, piled on taxation and driven more people into poverty. It was a scandal that the last Budget had drawn 400,000 pensioners into the tax net he said. It was a disgrace that taxation on people receiving half average earnings should have increased by 92 per cent over the last three years.

Furthermore, it was ridiculous that income tax and national insurance, at a combined rate of 38.75 per cent, should be eating into a single person's gross pay at the poverty level of £28 a week.

The Liberal leader said that it would be the first task of an alliance government to rebuilt the damaged economy, to restore prosperity and put people back to work. He suggested a package of measures worth £6,000m.

LORRIES SAFETY PACKAGE

By Peter Waymark

Heavy lorries will be required to have side guards fitted from October this year to prevent motorcyclists, cyclists and pedestrians being crushed under them.

Guards will also be fitted to the back and sides of trailers as part of a safety package which should save 70 lives a year.

Mr David Howell, Secretary of State for Transport, will make an announcement on the new measures next month. He will also give the Government's decision on increasing maximum weights and will outline plans to cut lorry noise so that by the end of the decade such vehicles are quieter than some cars are now.

Mr Howell said yesterday that he wanted to press ahead with the package as quickly as possible. "Those suffering from heavy lorries rumbling past their houses will be absolutely furious if these proposals were to be frustrated or delayed".

He was speaking during a visit to the Transport and Road Research Laboratory in Berkshire, where he watched a demonstration of a "quiet" heavy lorry developed by the laboratory in association with motor manufacturers.

He also sat in a Jaguar car with special hydraulic bumpers

CORRECTION

Contrary to our report yesterday, the Church of England Board of Education said it was not advocating the immediate abolition of corporal punishment, but hoped, subject to advice to be offered shortly, that schools would phase it out whenever possible and ultimately abolish it.

Overseas selling prices
Austria Sch 28; Bahrain BD 0.650; Belgium B frs 40; Canada $2.50; Canaries Pes 125; Cyprus 550 mils; Denmark Dkr 7; Dubai Dir 7.00; Finland Mkk 7.00; France Frs 7.00; Germany DM 3.50; Greece Dr 80; Holland Gl 3.25; Iran IR 135; Iraq LD 0.500; Irish Republic 30p; Italy L 1800; Jordan LD 0.425; Kuwait KD 0.450; Lebanon LL 4.00; Luxembourg Lf 33; Madeira Esc 75; Malta 30c; Morocco Dir 7; Norway Kr 7.50; Oman OR 0.700; Pakistan Rps 12; Portugal Esc 90; Qatar QR 7.50; Saudi Arabia SR 4.50; Singapore $5.00; Spain Pes 125; Sweden Skr 8.00; Switzerland S Frs 3.00; Syria L55.30; Tunisia Din 600; USA $1.30; UAE Dir 7.00; Yugoslavia Din 50

Carrington praises Zimbabwe's stability

From Michael Hornsby
Salisbury, Feb 26

Lord Carrington, the Foreign Secretary, will leave Zimbabwe tomorrow at the end of his first visit since independence, convinced of the country's stability despite the present political crisis.

Speaking at a farewell press conference tonight, flanked by Mr Witness Mangwende, the Zimbabwe Foreign Minister, Lord Carrington said: "I think the situation here is calm. If you look at it from the outside and look at the Lancaster House constitution Mr Mugabe is entitled to have whom he likes in his government, and it seems to me that the situation here is stable".

Lord Carrington met Mr Robert Mugabe, the Prime Minister, for nearly an hour and a half yesterday and for lunch today. He said Mr Mugabe's plans for a one-party state were among subjects covered.

"He said that he thinks that in the long term a one-party state might be the right answer for Zimbabwe, but there is no question of doing it against the wishes of the people of Zimbahwe or of doing it against the constitution or in an unconstitutional way. If you look at the constitution you will see what that means". Lord Carrington said.

Asked for his view of Zimbabwe's record since independence. Lord Carrington replied that despite inevitable troubles and difficulties there had been "remarkable progress if you look at it in the round". He acknowledged that there was "some unease in the white population here at the present time, probably most amongst skilled craftsmen".

He had also mentioned to Mr Mugabe "the anxiety felt in some quarters in my country and elsewhere about detention without trial, particularly of Mr (Wally) Stuttaford," (the white MP belonging to Mr Ian Smith's Republican Front party).

The only subjects which seem to have caused discord during Lord Carrington's two-day visit were the level of British aid, which the Zimbabweans would like to see increased, and the West's approach to the Namibia issue, where Mr Mangwende accused Britain and other countries of pandering to the whims of South Africa.

☐ The central committee of the Patriotic Front party meets tomorrow in a critical session which should resolve questions over the leadership of Mr Joshua Nkomo (Stephen Taylor writes).

The meeting, arising from the Cabinet last week, will also decide whether the two remaining Patriotic Front members of the Cabinet should resign. Of the four who survived the purge, one has resigned and the other has indicated he will stay.

There is considerable internal debate over the leadership and rumbles of dissatisfaction from the radical Moscow faction, which maintains that the leadership has deviated from socialist principles and is concerned with feathering its nest. Despite regional differences, this group probably has more in common with the ruling Zanu (PF) party of Mr Mugabe.

However, lacking focus and with no alternative of sufficient stature, Mr Nkomo is likely to retain the presidency and convince the party to maintain a united front.

Rebels in Chad claim victory

Paris.—The Chad rebel group, the Armed Forces of the North (FAN), said they had never lost control of the strategic central town of Oum Hadjer, which the Government said it had recaptured and held for four days until Thursday.

The FAN representative in Europe said the Government troops were ambushed, losing 417 men killed, 414 captured, and a number wounded. They abandoned much equipment.

The organization of African Unity (OAU) had intended to implement a ceasefire between the two sides tomorrow. It has been rejected by the government with the rest of a timetable leading to elections and a definitive government by the end of June.

Turkish regime swoops on peace activists

From Rasit Gurdilek, Ankara, Feb 26

The leading members of the Turkish section of an international left-wing peace organization were rounded up today by the authorities. Turkey's military rulers had eased a number of restrictions recently, apparently in an attempt to improve their image abroad, where there has been much criticism of their human rights record.

Among the 42 leaders of the Peace Association against whom arrest warrants were issued were the Turkish section president, Mr Mahmut Dikerdem, a former ambassador, and Mr Orhan Apaydin, the chairman of the Istanbul Bar Association. Mr Apaydin is also the principal defence lawyer of the 52 leaders of the left-wing Progressive Trade Unions Confederation (DISK), who are on trial for their lives.

Also included were Mr Ali Sirmen, foreign policy analyst of the left-wing daily *Cumhuriyet*, Mr Niyazi Dalyanci, owner of an Istanbul-based news agency, another liberal journalist, four former social democrat deputies, a poet, two engineers, and a doctor.

Another is Mrs Reha Isvan, the wife of the former Mayor of Istanbul, Mr Ahmet Isvan, who has been in custody since the Army coup of September, 1980, on charges of helping DISK to organize the May Day parade in 1977, at which 36 people died.

In a written statement issued before he gave himself up in Istanbul, Mr Apaydin claimed that the arrests were ordered simply to prevent him from defending the DISK leaders. He said he had been warned several times last year not to take up their defence.

The Ankara martial law prosecutor has demanded the death penalty for 186 of the 574 leading members of the underground Dev-Yol (Revolutionary Road) organization, the largest extreme left-wing group in Turkey.

Presenting the 1,319-page indictment today the military prosecutor said the defendants were responsible for 333 murders and a wide range of terrorist offences. He said their aim was to "overturn the constitutional order by force, and replace it with a Marxist-Leninist state, through the strategy of people's war".

The prosecutor asked for prison terms of eight to 36 years for the rest of the defendants. The trial is expected to begin in the summer.

Among those facing the death penalty are four leaders who were listed as having died under torture in the latest report by Amnesty International. The four, together with four others who had been listed as dead, were recently presented to the press.

☐ Mr Bulent Ecevit, the former Turkish Prime Minister, was ordered today to appear before a civil court on charges of insulting a provincial police chief in June, 1980 (Reuter reports).

Bonn ministers deny bribery allegations

Bonn, Feb 26, — Two senior Cabinet members and a close aide of Herr Helmut Schmidt, the West German Chancellor, are being investigated on suspicion of bribery, the justice authorities said today.

The prosecutor's office, said that the investigations involved three other politicians, one a former minister, and senior executives of the Flick concern, a private holding company with interests in steel, engineering and munitions.

The Cabinet men named were Herr Hans Matthöfer, the Finance Minister and a member of Herr Schmidt's Social Democratic Party (SPO), and Count Otto Lambsdorff, the Economics Minister and a Free Democrat.

The prosecutor's office said that they and Herr Schmidt's Chancellery State Secretary, Herr Manfred Lahnstein, together with the other politicians, had all dealt officially with requests by the Flick for tax concessions.

A decision on whether to press charges would be taken once the investigation was completed. "Further details cannot be disclosed to avoid compromising the investigations", it said.

In a statment issued by his ministry, Herr Matthfer Recalled a report a last December by *Der Spiegel* the news magazine, which alleged that Flick had donated DM50,000 (about £11,360) to him for the SPO.

The report, which Herr Matthöfer denied at the time, linked the donation with government approval for Flick to be relieved of tax on investments of proceeds from a DM2000m shares sale. "What is correct is that not even the possibility of such a donation . . . was ever mentioned to me", he said today.

An equally forceful denial came from Count Lambsdorff, who is visiting the United States, and who was quoted by his ministry as saying that the allegation was completely untenable their statments were endorsed by Herr Lothar Ruehl the government spokesman, who told a news conference that Bonn saw no reason for the Ministers or Herr Lahnstein to resign.

The investigations, among the widest ever launched against Bonn, politicians, were disclosed less than 24 hours after one of the industrialists on the list announced he had resigned as president-elect of the West German Industry Confederation (BDI).

Herr Eberhard von Brauchitsch, a Flick deputy chairman, said in a letter passed to the press that he understood a possible link was being investigated between company donations and its investment of proceeds from selling shares in the Daimler-Benz company in early 1976.

Other company executives named by the prosecutor were Dr Friedrich Karl Flick, the executive chairman and Herr Manfred Nemitz, board member of a Flick subsidiary. Herr Hans Friderichs, the foreign Econmics minister who was succeeded by Count Lambsdorff in 1977 and who is now head of the Dresdner Bank, was also under investigation, the prosecutor's office said.

The two remaining politicians named were Herr Horst-Ludwig Riemer, former FDP state economics minister in North Rhine-Westphalia, and Herr Rudolf Eberle, the present state economics minister in Baden-Württemberg. — Reuter.

Matthöfer: Finance



Lambsdorff: Economics

Wine war tops Rome agenda

President Mitterrand, preceded by two Italian Presidential Guards, prepares to lay a wreath at the monument to the unknown soldier in Rome. The French President and six of his ministers were on a two-day visit to Italy, designed to strengthen ties between the two countries. High on the agenda was the six-month old "wine war", which began when Italian wine exports were delayed by French customs procedures, and later banned. This dispute has led to fears in Italy that France might adopt a protectionist policy in other areas, such as shoes, furniture and electrical goods.

'Sacrifice' theory at coup trial

From Richard Wigg
Madrid, Feb 26

General Alfonso Armada, accused of plotting last year's attempt to overthrow Spanish democracy, was presented by the defence today as the man who sacrificed himself to rescue 350 MPs held at gunpoint.

An impressive procession of 10 generals present at Army headquarters on the coup night testified in written evidence in favour of the conduct of General Armada, then deputy Spanish Army chief. They supported his claim to have obeyed superior orders throughout.

"In this situation there has got to be a sacrifice and it is going to be by me". General Armada was alleged to have declared in the generals' written evidence called by Señor Ramon Hermosilla, read out at the court martial today.

This was allegedly after receiving a telephone call from Lieutenant-General Jaime Milans del Bosch, the former Captain General in Valencia, who is said to have sugested General Armada should propose himself to the MPs to head a government of national salvation in a negotiated settlement with Lieutenant-Colonel Antonio Tejero, who was occupying Parliament.

Ascribing the idea to General Milans brought a new turn in this trial where most of the accused have sought to blame General Armada,

The defence evidence was inconclusive on the key point of whether General Armada's going to Parliament that night, was his decision or if he had been authorized to attempt a personal initiative by Lieutenant General José Gabeiras, the then Spanish Army chief.

The evidence today left no doubt that King Juan Carlos and Lieutenant General Sabino Fernandez Campos, head of the royal household, disapproved of the idea of General Armada offering to head a coalition government in the King's name.

West rejects Israeli media accusations

By Our Foreign Staff

The BBC and *The New York Times* have rejected accusations by the Israeli Government that they have distorted their coverage of the Middle East because of Arab threats against their correspondents.

The BBC told *The Times* that despite the difficulties of working in the Middle East, it had never suppressed news because it feared the consequences of broadcasting it, nor had it broadcast items in order to appease a particular party.

In New York Mr Craig Whitney, deputy foreign editor of *The New York Times*, said that no story was ever suppressed by the newspaper in order to protect a reporter, and he knew of no occasion on which a story was suppressed by a reporter.

"I sincerely doubt that any correspondent of ours has ever suppressed a news story that he knew about", he said.

The campaign launched recently by the Israeli Government alleges double standards by Western news organizations in their reporting of events in Israel and the occupied territories, compared to events in the Arab world, particularly Lebanon and Syria.

The BBC said there was no evidence to support speculation that threats against Mr Tim Llewelyn, its former Middle East correspondent, had been planned by Syrian organizations.

The corporation withdrew Mr Llewelyn from the region in the summer of 1980 because of the threats to his life, the spokesman said, and had since been replaced by a new Middle East correspondent who was based in Nicosia.

The New York Times denied that intimidation of correspondents in Beirut could affect their reporting of Israel. "It's apples and oranges," Mr Whitney said. "They are talking about two separate things. There is no way in which reporting of Israel could be influenced by what happens in Beirut."

But he agreed that Beirut was a dangerous place and that there was a climate of fear. He accepted that reports of an event could appear to differ considerably depending on which side of the border they were written.

"For that reason we always try to have two reports of Israeli incursions into Lebanon," he said. "Facts are presented differently to reporters on each side of a conflict and we need to give both sides."

☐ The Foreign Press Association which represents more than 200 journalists and photographers based in Israel took a front page advertisement in the English-language *Jerusalem Post* to express concern about the implications of the government's campaign.

This unusual step was taken after a speech in the Knesset during which Dr Eliahu Ben-Elissar, chairman of the foreign affairs and defence committee appealed to the association to join "the struggle for freedom of expression for objectivity of reporting and coverage, for an end to toadying and submission".

On Thursday there were incidents on the Golan Heights when Israeli troops clashed with reporters and cameramen attempting to cover the barricading of four Druze Arab villages.

Army road blocks seal off disputed Sinai town

From Christopher Walker Jerusalem, Feb 26

Army road blocks were put up around the Sinai settlement of Yamit this afternoon to prevent militant Jews from moving into the town which is to be handed back to Egypt on April 26.

The barricades were reported to have been taken down less than two hours later, after protests from local people.

Mrs Ela Weizman, a leader of the Stop the Withdrawal from Sinai Campaign said in a telephone interview that soldiers manning the road blocks prevented all non-residents from entering the area. At one stage, she said, scores of cars were held up.

"We then had some hard words with the general on the spot and explained that many religious people were coming to visit for the Sabbath. We also issued a statement to Israeli television saying that we would resist the attempt to stop outsiders coming to visit."

At the Army spokesman's office in Tel Aviv, there was confusion about the operation, which was to prevent a mass incursion to protesters into Sinai over the next three weeks. According to the organizers, some 3,000 Jews are planning to arrive in the area from 37 settlements in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

While the state-controlled Israel radio was reporting at 6pm that the barricades had been lifted, quoting a senior officer on the spot who described the episode as a misunderstanding, the Army spokesman was saying the barricades were still in place and the operation was continuing.

Tonight the protesters were hailing the brevity of the operation as another victory in their campaign to oppose the April pull-back. "We are continuing with our plans to oppose the retreat, just as before," Mrs Weizman said.

We will not tolerate the idea of the Army discriminating who can and cannot come here. That is what happened to the Jews in the ghettoes 40 years ago when they were forced to wear yellow badges."

Polish party told to stop bickering

From Roger Boyes, Warsaw, Feb 26

Mr Mieczyslaw Rokowski, the Deputy Prime Minister, has appealed for an end to bickering in the Polish Communist Party, in a speech to the party's two-day plenary session in Warsaw.

He said: "If substantive discussions are replaced by underming actions, innuendo and nebulous suggestions, as well as libel, then the much-delayed unity will not come. My view is that such practices are out of place in our party".

That comment, and indeed much of the speech, seems aimed at rebutting criticism voiced by Central Committee members during the meeting.

The criticism cnetred on three points; the need for the party to take a more aggressive stance in the country; the need or purify its ranks by purging careerists who joined in the 1970s; and the lack of consultation between the Government leadership and the party over the draft discussion paper on the shape of trade unions.

It is understood that some Central Committee members only learned of the union proposals after an interview in *The Times* with Mr Stanislaw Ciosek, the Trade Union Minister, was picked up and broadcast to Poland by Western radio stations a week before the guidelines were officially published.

Mr Rakowski emphasized that there had been adequate consultation, that the quest for ideological purity should be tempered and that the main unifying point for the party should be a front for notional understanding.

Apart from General Wojcich Jaruzelski. The Polish leader, who delivered a summing up speech that struck similar tones, Mr Rakowski was the most senior speaker at the plenum, at least as far as the official press account is concerned.

Mr Rakowski is a prominent liberal reformer within the party.

Meanwhile the Catholic Church in Poland has been searching for a new strategy or at least a new way of portraying and implementing the old one. The persistent dilemma facing the Polish Episcopate, which met yesterday and today, has been how to maintain criticism of the martial law regime while not pushing General Jaruzelski too hard.

The result of the plenum — which showed General Jaruzelski firmly in the saddle but an increasingly noisy hard-line chorus in the lower reaches of the Central Committee — has probably reinforced the view in the Episcopate that the church must proceed cautiously, aiming criticism only at specific targets such as internment rather then at the regime as a whole.

Paris and Bonn put London in the cold

From Jonathan Fenby
Paris, Feb 26

The agreement between France and West Germany reached at summit talks here on Thursday on ways to protect Europe from the impact of high American interest rates has tended to isolate Britain in the European Community.

The French look on the agreement between President François Mitterrand and Herr Helmut Schmidt as a key test of commitment to the EEC. They want European nations to pledge themselves to the idea that they should keep their currencies stable whatever happens as a result of American interest rates.

One idea being floated in Paris is that companies wanting to raise money should float capital issues in the European currency unit, the EEC's special money.

The interest rate question is part of a much wider issue of European unity on which Britain is seen as being increasingly isolated. French official sources talked of "a certain egocentricity" in Britain's attitude. The joint declaration spoke of the need to rise above national interests, which is seen here as apointed reference to Britain's concern about its budgetary contribution to the EEC.

Britain is regarded by the French Government as the main obstacle to Community unity on a whole range of issues, ranging from the interest rate war with America to farm prices. The palmy days of the Mitterrand Thatcher summit of last September, when France seemed to be seeking a renewal of friendly relations with Britain, a now dead, Instead, France is seeking to build on the very close relations with West Germany which resulted from the summit meeting here.

The first attempt to convert the understanding on interest rates into a Community-wide agreement was expected to be made yesterday in Rome, where M Mitterrand began talks with Italian leaders. Other EEC member governments are expected to be contacted rapidly. The Franco-German relationship, evident at the meetings between M Mitterrand and Herr Schmidt on Wednesday and Thursday is expected to be the cornerstone of European unity.

Britain is now being presented as the principal obstacle to this. The French hope that British attempts to hold down farm prices in the current round of talks will be rejected by other European nations. They are encouraged by the statement agreed with Herr Schmidt which streses that farm price questions must be separated from issues of how much each country pays to the European budget. Britain has in the past sought to hold down food prices to cut the cost of European policies.

Formal Franco-German proposals on interest rates will probably be made at a meeting of Finance Ministers of the EEC on March 15 and 16 in Brussels. There are clear problems in the way of establishing an effective joint approach. Both Paris and Bonn are anxious to maintain a good working relationship with Washington and do not want differences over interest rates to get in the way of broader understanding.

Bonn, for its part, is against any form of control of capital movements as the German delegation made clear here this week while, in the background there are fears that M Mitterrand's crusade to reconquer France's domestic market from importers might lead to protectionist policies.

TENTATIVE FINDINGS ON MARIJUANA

From Our Own Correspondent
Washington, Feb 26

Smoking marijuana may damage health but no more than tobacco or alcohol, according to the results of a 15-month study of the drug's possible health hazards.

The study, carried out by the Institute of Health of the American National Academy of Sciences, finds that although marijuana produces a variety of reversible, short-term health effects, though there is no firm permanent damage.

However, the report gives a warning to the effect that "what little we know for certain about the effects of marijuana on human health — and all that we have reason to suspect — justify serious national concern".

The most disturbing part of the report is the section dealing with marijuana smoking among school children. It shows that more than 60 per cent of high school students have smoked marijuana and that 9 per cent of them use it on a daily basis.

It says that the drug impedes memory, impairs speech and slows learning. It may also produce a range of mental responses, from euphoria to confusion or delirium — symptoms of particular concern, the report notes, because much of the heavy use of marijuana by adolescents is carried out during school hours.

NEWS IN SUMMARY

Sweeping raids in Pakistan

Islamabad.— The authorities in Pakistan, stepping up the campaign against anti-Social Elements, have arrested more than 600 people in Sind and Punjab provinces. (Hasan Akhtar writes).

Newspapers have reported a crackdown on students in a number of cities and towns and two jailbreaks in the North-West Frontier Province, in which two convicts were reported to have been shot dead by police. Many students have been rusticated.

The Duke of Edinburgh, who arrived in Karachi yesterday on a three-day visit, was received by the Sind Governor, Lieutenant-General S. M. Abbasi. The Duke is here in his capacity a the president of the World Wildlife Fund.

Union leader's throat cut

Santiago. — The body of Señor Tucapel Jimenez, the Chilean civil servants' union leader, was found on the outskirts of Santiago. His throat was cut, police sources said.

Señor Jimenez recently demanded the formation of a national union to fight for the return of union freedoms in Chile where such activity is severely restricted by the Pinochet regime.

Court allows Corsica law

Paris.—An Opposition challenge to the law passed last month, giving Corsica a wide measure of autonomy, has been rejected by the Constitutional Court, which did not agree that the principle of the indivisibility of the sovereignty of the French state was infringed.

However, it objected to four articles in the wider decentralization law affecting metroplitan France, M Gaston Defferre, the Minister of the Interior, said this involved only a technicality which would not prevent promulgation of the law in a few days.

Pretoria 'frees' journalist

Johannesburg. — Mr Zwelakhe Sisulu, the banned black journalist, has been released after eight months' detention without trial under South Africa's Terrorism Act, the Transvaal Attorney General's office said.

The three-year banning order on Mr Sisulu, a former president of the black Media Workers' Association of South Africa, remains in force, barring him from political and social gatherings and restricting his freedom of movement.

Parsons for Washington



Sir Anthony Parsons (above), Britain's permanent representative at the United Nations, is expected to become the new British Ambassador in Washington later this year, according to diplomatic sources (Nicholas Ashford writes).

If the appointment is confirmed he will succeed Sir Nicholas Henderson, who was brought out of retirement to replace Mr Peter Jay.

Sir Anthony is expected to be replaced by Sir John Thomson, the High Commissioner in Delhi. Sir Anthony, who will be 60 in September, will have the distinction of being given the Foreign Service's top post abroad after reaching retirement age.

During a distinguished career he has served in Baghdad, Cairo, Khartum, Amman, Bahrain, Ankara and Tehran.

Correction

In our report yesterday on President Reagan's speech to the Organization of American States the omission of a phrase suggested he was in Managua, Nicaragua. In fact it was President Lopez Portillo of Mexico who spoke in Managua.

The sentence should have read: "In his speech made in the Nicaraguan capital of Managua last Sunday, President Lopez Portillo, who was clearly trying to influence President Reagan's much-heralded statement, outlined a three-part peace plan."

The semi-detached Mr Sparrow takes over the Thatcher think tank

Two weeks ago merchant banker John Sparrow was sitting in his City office when a phone call came summoning him to Downing Street. For more than five years as London personnel chief of Morgan Grenfell he had been quietly advising the Prime Minister on financial and industrial affairs. This time he was certain there could be only two reasons he might be wanted — for advice on the Laker rescue or on the winding up of De Lorean motors.

Instead, he was taken up to the Cabinet Secretary, Sir Robert Armstrong, and offered the directorship of the Central Policy Review Staff, the "Think Tank", a job he did not even know was available and had certainly never considered for himself.

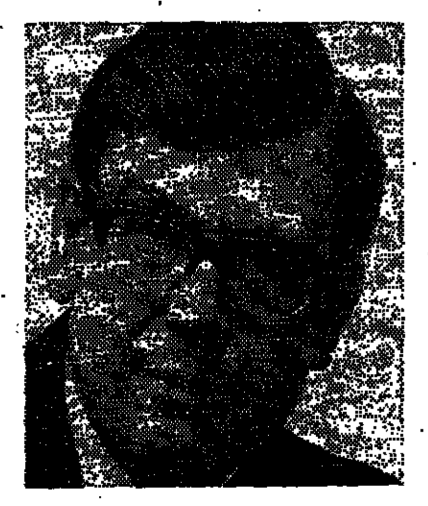
Yesterday, after the appointment was formally announced, Mr Sparrow admitted that he had been "totally surprised". So were other Conservative advisers. The battle to win the Prime Minister's ear is a fierce one, particularly at a time when the Government is beginning to marshal its various policy advisory teams in the long run towards the next election.

The current holder of the job, Robin Ibbs from ICI, was expected to stay on for another year at least. He was among the handful of senior businessmen whom Mrs Thatcher brought into Downing Street soon after her election and, although there had been occasional complaints from the Tory right that the Think Tank had become insufficiently political, the Prime Minister often made it clear that she was happy with his work.

It appears now, however, that a change at the CPRS had been in the offing since before Christmas, ICI is Britain's biggest manufacturing company and has some big problems. Ibbs had been its commercial and planning director and his contract with the Government specified that he could be pulled back any time after two years in Downing Street. The company warned in December that it would probably exercise its option at the earliest opportunity and this was ratified at an ICI board meeting. The new man takes over in a month's time.

John Sparrow is typical of the new school of political advisers who have impressed the Prime Minister more by the assiduous circulation of helpful written advice than by old-style political fixing and glad-handery.

Mr Sparrow recalls that he was first asked to give financial advice to Mrs Thatcher in opposition. He still does not know who suggested him then — or indeed for his new job. He had one interview with the opposition leader in her House of Commons office and has hardly seen her since. He has simply circulated short papers on interest rates and the financial markets — in large numbers in opposition, less frequently in government. Of the other members of the Cabinet, he is closest to Sir Geoffrey Howe.



John Sparrow: mild, persuasive

His political position is regarded by his friends as that of "a fairly straightforward City monetarist". In his own words: "I am not a particularly political person. I like to think of myself as at least semi-detached and dispassionate. Twenty years ago I was a Conservative councillor in Ealing and considered my views perhaps closest to those of Iain Macleod. In as much as I have a political view I still think that I am a Macleod man which means, in my book, being much closer to Margaret Thatcher than to, say, Francis Pym."

John Sparrow's mild, persuasive demeanour may have appealed to the Prime Minister (his style is very like that of the outgoing Robin Ibbs) but his appointment has not pleased those who believe the Think Tank has become too dominated by the Whitehall machine to serve Mrs Thatcher's reelection.

The role of the Think Tank has never before stayed the same from one director to another. Under its first chief, Lord Rothschild, the best and brightest of industry and the Civil Service were brought together with the aim of providing an alternative voice to accepted Whitehall wisdoms. But it took a steep dive in prime ministerial popularity when Rothschild challenged Edward Heath's "good news" speeches with a report that unless Britain stopped acting like a rich nation she would be one of the poorest in Europe by 1985.

Rothschild's successor, Sir Kenneth Berrill, was himself a civil servant, worked more closely with the Whitehall machine, but still managed to preside over the notorious Think Tank attack on the lavishness of Britain's representation overseas. Since then, however, despite important industrial work under Berrill and Ibbs, the impact of the CPRS has been much less.

A strong right-wing strand among Mrs Thatcher's team would very much like to have used the opportunity of changing the head of the Think Tank for reviving its radical past. A Monday Club report by Graham Mather of the Institute of Directors was by coincidence published last week. It stated that "the resources of the CPRS appear to be used in areas of marginal significance to Party and Government. Whilst it is engaged in a study on cashless pay, for example, it has apparently produced nothing on the longer term future of tripartite intervention in the economy and the future of the NEDC".

John Sparrow admitted yesterday that he had been given no guidelines by the Cabinet Secretary on how the Prime Minister wanted the CPRS to be run. He has met Robin Ibbs only once, very briefly, and so far no others of the 20-strong team. He can be expected to keep up work on nationalized industries. At Morgan Grenfell — which will continue paying his unspecified salary with the help of a £33,000 a year contribution from the Exchequer — he was a director of Coalite, United Gas Industries and had a strong interest in the privatization of the energy sector.

He also has the same contractual arrangement as his predecessor. As one ICI analyst put it yesterday, "Men who know as much about government thinking as heads of the Think Tank become too valuable to their companies to leave in Whitehall a moment longer than necessary. Just as ICI want Ibbs back, so will his bank want Mr Sparrow back — particularly, if Mrs Thatcher wins the election".

Peter Stothard



D. M. Thomas: touching the nerve ends

Roaring trade at the White Hotel

This week Penguin Books publish the British paperback edition of the most unexpectedly successful English novel of the past year, with an initial printing of 80,000 copies. D. M. Thomas's *The White Hotel* is an unashamedly literary, unusual, difficult and disturbing work, but it is rapidly clocking up the sales of a newsstand pulp thriller.

When it first appeared early last year, the hardback edition sold barely 2,000 copies in six months in Britain, in the wake of reviews which were not unkind, but which were uncertain what to make of it. When it was nominated for the Booker Prize, and narrowly failed to win, and when a majority of critics chose it as their book of the year in the Christmas newspapers, the sales graph suddenly shot upwards. Hardback sales now exceed 20,000 copies, remarkable for a work of such seriousness.

But it was in the United States that the book really took off. Fuelled by unanimously ecstatic reviews when it first appeared there last March, the hardback edition has sold 90,000 copies, and the American paperback has just been produced in a run of one million copies. Film rights have been sold for $500,000. Having failed to take the Booker Prize, Thomas deserves the recompense of a Queen's Award for Export Achievement.

The White Hotel charts a German Jewish woman's grim journey through psychoanalysis with Sigmund Freud to the unspeakable horrors of mass extermination at Babi Yar.

Donald Thomas himself is the antithesis of his wide and bloodstained canvas. The 47-year-old son a plasterer from Redruth, Cornwall, he wears the slightly weary look of a schoolmaster approaching middle age, in thick black jersey and not-quite-new corduroy. The thinning grey hair is undisciplined and the face, like that of his namesake Dylan, was probably once cherubic. Divorced, with three children, he lives quietly and largely unrecognized in an unprepossessing back street in Hereford.

He had already published a small amount of his own verse, and translations of Russian poetry, when he lost his job as an English lecturer in 1978; Hereford College closed down, the victim of education cuts. It was then that Thomas began to learn the art of writing prose.

He said: "I became the publicity officer for the campaign to keep the college open; I wrote the pamphlets and the posters. The chairman of governors was a vicar who was brilliant with the blue pencil; he edited my posters down to bare essentials."

He returned to New College, Oxford, where he had been an undergraduate; intending to undertake a study of the problems of translation. But he wrote *The White Hotel* instead.

"The precise moment of discovery was reading Kuznetsov's novel *Babi Yar*. I only picked it up to read on a plane journey to America. But I immediately connected Babi Yar with my previously written poetry, which had figured Freud on several occasions. I realized that the victims of the holocaust were, in the main, Jews. I realized too that most psychoanalysts were Jews, as were their patients. From that came the realization that Freud had been imbued with the humanist beliefs of the nineteenth century, and had studied individuals with great care, in contrast to Hitler who exterminated thousands without a second thought."

What he was trying to do, Thomas says, was to touch the nerve ends of the twentieth century by finding a metaphor to connect what he sees as its two central themes, deep introspection and mass destruction.

"This is a very self-conscious age; we know we are brutes. No one at the time questioned why Ghengis Khan slaughtered millions; it was just accepted. But when Hitler and Stalin did the same thing, people began to ask why."

Last year Thomas was invited to read passages from *The White Hotel* to an American Jewish audience on the fortieth anniversary of the Babi Yar massacre, but he declined.

"I felt great guilt writing about such a horrific event, and I had to satisfy myself that I was not writing it for simple commercial exploitation. Writing it was a very private thing, and so should reading it be. I would be very unhappy declaiming it from a rostrum."

He feared a hostile reaction from the Jewish community when the book first appeared, but it never came. At the same time, he is not altogether surprised that America woke up to the book before England.

"Psychoanalysis is much more favourably regarded in the United States, where so many people are either analysts or analysts' patients. Americans are also much more ready to accept an unusual format, more open to something new and original. And of course there is a very large Jewish population, particularly in New York where interest was first aroused. In Britain, it requires exceptional publicity to get a serious novel going."

Recently Thomas went to Washington intending to undertake a semester's university teaching, but he fled home to Hereford after only two weeks. "I could not stand all the attention, the publicity and the phone calls. I cannot be the successful author of *The White Hotel*; I have to be the still-unsuccessful author of my next book."

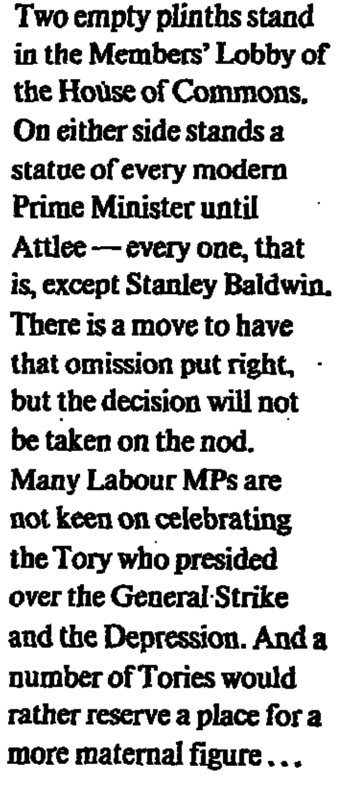
His next is *The Improvisatore*, just off the typewriter, which is again set in Russia with a dissident poet as hero. Thomas has never been to the Soviet Union; his knowledge of Russian comes from his national service, where he took a language course and was graded "suitable for low-level interrogation after further training". He never became an interrogator, but he discovered Russian literature.

Donald Thomas is now a wealthy man, and his accountant keeps pointing out the benefits of residence in various sunny tax havens. But, if he moves anywhere, it will be back to the rocks and the wild sea of his native Cornwall. More than any literary or commercial success, says Thomas, a writer needs his roots.

Alan Hamilton

Why Baldwin deserves his place in the House

by Julian Critchley



Two empty plinths stand in the Members' Lobby of the House of Commons. On either side stands a statue of every modern Prime Minister until Attlee — every one, that is, except Stanley Baldwin. There is a move to have that omission put right, but the decision will not be taken on the nod. Many Labour MPs are not keen on celebrating the Tory who presided over the General Strike and the Depression. And a number of Tories would rather reserve a place for a more maternal figure . . .



"YOU KNOW YOU CAN TRUST ME"

Baldwin as seen by Low in 1935: Baldwin deals the League of Nations a severe blow

Last August, while staying at my cousin's house in Somerset, I discovered a collection of 36 speeches made by Stanley Baldwin between the years 1923 and 1926, and published by Penguin Books under the title *On England*. I was entranced.

Of the 36 only four were on political subjects, the remainder ranged over a variety of subjects of immediate interest to his listeners. They were witty, learned and without rancour. Compared with the belligerence of today's politics, what a breath of fresh air they are.

Here was a Prime Minister and party leader who found time not only to indulge his own strong sense of local patriotism in his native town (Bewdley), "one came out of this red soil, and one will return to it and lay one's bones in it", but to evoke the *genius loci* in every other place he visited and share his catholic knowledge and expertise in literature, the arts, history and institutions.

His love of the country and wild life comes out in his dedication to the bird sanctuary in Hyde Park to the memory of WH Hudson; his deep and undemonstrative religious convictions are seen in his talks on Christian ideals and religion in politics for the National Free Church conference and a Wesleyan meeting.

He described himself as "a sort of half-educated fellow who never stops learning"; but I wonder if there are any more exquisite passages in modern English literature than are to be found in his address to the Classical Association on his debt to the classics. It was in the Roman qualities of pietas and gravitas and the truth of the spoken word that he saw the foundation of European civilization.

Baldwin was three times Prime Minister, and perhaps the dominant figure in politics between the two wars; yet there is no statue or memorial to him in the Palace of Westminster. In the Members' Lobby of the Commons there are two empty plinths, the other six being occupied by Churchill, Lloyd George, Jo Chamberlain, Asquith, Bonar Law and, most recently, Attlee.

In December last year I tabled an Early Day motion that "a statue of Stanley Baldwin be placed in the Members' Lobby," which has attracted 108 signatures. Among the sponsors of my motion are Sir Harold Wilson, Edward Heath and James Callaghan. So far, however, only three Labour MPs have signed.

Baldwin's reputation has suffered from what could be called the Churchillian interpretation of history, and it is true that relations between them were never especially close. But to accuse Baldwin of appeasement is to confuse Stanley with Neville, and to place upon the first half of the 1930s blame that properly lies upon the second.

In fact Baldwin's reputation is unassailable. It rests upon three major achievements: he helped to turn the Labour Party from being a revolutionary party into a constitutional one; he met and overcame the challenge of the General Strike of 1926, and by his skilful handling of the Abdication crisis probably saved the Monarchy.

Of the six who already stand in the Members' Lobby, only two, Churchill and Lloyd George, can claim, by their prowess in war, to have made a greater contribution to the state.

It is disappointing that, so far at least, the Labour Party has been so ungenerous towards Baldwin. His socialist friends, like Ellen Wilkinson, are long since dead and, it is true to say, that whenever references occur in Baldwin's speeches to the Labour Party, they are studiously charitable and courteous, though there was fuel for quarrels a plenty. Conciliation was his constant aim.

Baldwin held for many years a very strong place in the affections of the people of all parties, and that, I am sure, was because they knew from the early days of his premiership that service to the nation was his overriding purpose.

He took his party seriously enough but simply because he saw it as a necessary instrument to serve that purpose. This was the peroration of a great speech of his on Democracy and the Spirit of Service which he made in December 1924 in the Albert Hall to members of the victorious Conservative Party:

"I want to see the spirit of service to the whole nation the birthright of every member of the Unionist Party; Unionist in the sense that we stand for the union of those two nations of which Disraeli spoke; union among our own people to make a nation of our own people at home, which if secured, nothing else matters in the world . . . You cannot better serve your party, and through your party your country, than in dedicating your lives to that service."

Lady Lorna Howard, his daughter, tells the story of a hostel for tramps which was run privately by two old ladies in a Worcestershire village. Word spread that it would have to close. Baldwin went to his bank and put through the hostel door an envelope on which was written "from a grateful tramp".

There can be no memorial to Baldwin at Westminster without the support of Labour MPs. Conservatives and Liberals were happy to support Lord Attlee's petrification. Will Michael Foot be as generous? I shall try to persuade him when I meet him this week.

The author is the Conservative MP for Aldershot.

Geoffrey Smith

Will Sir Geoffrey budget for a vote-winner?

As the Chancellor prepares his Budget he is once again receiving a great deal of economic advice. But what are the political pressures on him this time? One indication that they are considerable was the Prime Minister's speech this week warning that the fall in oil prices limits Sir Geoffrey's room for manoeuvre. This was a deliberate tactic to dampen expectations, which had been rising to the point where whatever the Chancellor did was in danger of seeming an anti-climax.

But despite Mrs Thatcher's essay in pessimism, the political pressures on Sir Geoffrey are still strong. First he will want to avoid a repetition of last year's fiasco in which members of the Cabinet competed in letting it be known how much they disapproved of the Budget.

Last month, when the Cabinet discussed the broad strategy of this year's Budget, it seemed that all would be well. Specific pledges were neither given nor sought, but the general impression was that his proposals would not be such as to send a shudder of horror down the spines of any of his colleagues. Everyone could relax.

Except for Sir Geoffrey, that is, who now has to justify the calm of a Cabinet in which senior Conservatives have noted a considerable measure of rising damp. In other words, most of Sir Geoffrey's fellow Ministers will be disappointed if there is not some mild reflation.

That wish is still more pronounced on the Conservative backbenches. Opinions vary as to whether the relief should take the form of a reduction in the National Insurance Surcharge, as the CBI recommends, or in taxation, which would be the preference of the Institute of Directors if the Chancellor strays from the rectitude of a neutral Budget. Some Conservative MPs are not particularly worried about what kind of relief there should be, so long as there is some.

The party quite simply wants something to cheer. Many Conservative MPs are now decidedly jumpy about their chances of re-election. They want something to steady their nerves. They want to be able to say to their constituency supporters, and to wavering Conservative voters: "Look, Mrs Thatcher always warned that there would be tough times before the economy started to recover. But this is the first sign of spring. Soon summer will be here".

It may seem a little obvious, but Conservative backbenchers are not looking for any subtle messages at the moment. They also believe that a bit of mild reflation from the Government would help to cut the ground from under the Social Democrats.

Much of this sentiment can be attributed to a desire for a psychological boost after what has been a pretty trying time for any Conservative member. But it is also based on the calculation that there is not much time left.

The electoral calendar has already begun to exercise its tyranny. According to this reasoning, the election will be held in the autumn of 1983, which leaves only two annual Budgets before the party is judged at the polls.

The voters are naturally sceptical of a particularly generous Budget in the run-up to an election. So if the Chancellor is to offer any comfort in time for it to have electoral effect, he had better start now.

This assessment is entirely logical, but it is based on the assumption that the election must be held in autumn next year. This is now the conventional wisdom in all parties. Mrs Thatcher will hardly want to go to the country before then, and if she waits until the last moment in the spring of 1984 she will risk being destroyed by another winter of discontent. Look what the unions did to poor Mr. Callaghan, and they were supposed to be on his side.

This reasoning may seem logical enough. The last two governments were undermined by conflict with the unions: Mr Callaghan in 1979 and Mr Heath in 1974. Surely no Conservative government would want to risk reviving memories of the three-day week and the battle with the miners?

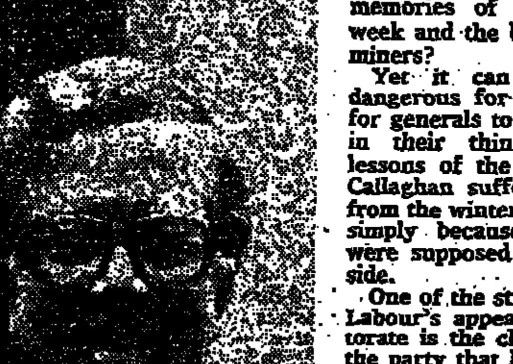
Yet it can be just as dangerous for politicians as for generals to be dominated in their thinking by the lessons of the last war. Mr Callaghan suffered so much from the winter of discontent simply because the unions were supposed to be on his side.

One of the strong points in Labour's appeal to the electorate is the claim that it is the party that knows how to manage the unions. Indeed, so much is Labour seen as the party of the unions that it usually loses support when the unions are disruptive, even when the Conservatives are in office.

This rule did not apply in 1974 because the disruption went so far as to threaten the stability of the country. Popular resentment against the unions was replaced by fear. The dominant sentiments of the February 1974 campaign were confusion and a desire for the quiet life. If Mrs Thatcher became embroiled in a conflict that threatened once more to bring the country to a standstill, the electorate would probably again be looking for some way out of the turmoil.

But resentment against the unions is stronger now than it was then, and anything less than another conflict of that severity — a repetition of the 1978-79 winter, for example — would probably damage Labour much more than a Conservative government that gave the impression of being resolute. These might seem to be conditions ideally suited to the SDP-Liberal alliance. In those circumstances, however, the SDP, which has been making hawkish noises about the unions, would be better placed to eat into the Labour vote — which would satisfy the Conservatives well.





Sir Geoffrey: rising damp in the Cabinet

It does not follow from this that Mrs Thatcher would be wise to opt now for a 1984 election. If circumstances look favourable in the autumn of 1983 she will surely go to the country then. But she is not hemmed in by the electoral timetable so much as is often supposed. She could afford to run on into 1984 if necessary, which means that there could be two Budgets after this one before the election.

The political case for some mild reflation in this Budget is not that time is running out, but that the Conservative Party needs to be healed. If the reflation is more than mild, Sir Geoffrey will outrage the right. If he does not offer some reflation there just might be the odd defection to the SDP. One or two Conservative members might resign the Whip, if only for a while; and, much more probably, there would be a series of hostile Conservative amendments

The impression would be conveyed of a party sadly at odds with itself. It is because this Budget has come to assume a symbolic importance within the party that for once it may be more important for the Chancellor to have the correct political balance than to get his economic calculations absolutely right.

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YOUR COUNTRY NEEDS YOU

One unfortunate effect of the proposal to offer unemployed youngsters adventure training with the armed forces under a scheme to be announced next month, is that the arguments about unemployment will become inextricably, though unwarrantably, entangled with arguments about conscription. Conscription has become a taboo word in the political vocabulary since it was abolished by Mr Macmillan and Mr Duncan Sandys twenty five years ago. The military consequences of that decision have been obscured by the relative security which we have enjoyed in the world since then, a security cossetted by the self-satisfaction of the armed forces at being once again left alone with their professionalism. The social consequences of the abolition seem also to have been ignored.

The effect of abolition was to give society a feeling of liberation from something which was felt to smack of compulsion and militarism. The easygoing attitude of voluntary service which permeated the British approach to defence recruitment affected society as a whole. "Rights" now take precedence over responsibilities from the cradle through the classroom, to the shop floor and beyond. In such an age, the social benefits of conscription have become only the subject of lampoons in novels or of the fashionable resentment of people who think that a nation has no need — let alone a duty — to look to its own security.

Of course the arguments are not all one way; and no politician would dream of basing his election platform on the re-introduction of conscription. Nevertheless the subject should now be re-examined, and should stop becoming a taboo both for social and strategic reasons — neither of which are in any way connected with the problem of unemployment. The strategic case for re-examining the Macmillan-Sandys decision to rely solely on small professional armed forces is based on the fact that events are unpredictable and the world is an inherently unsafe place. A policy of deterrence can not be more than a major part of one's defence posture, and its credibility anyway depends on a nation's ability to meet situations created by some kind of breakdown of that deterrence. How and when such a breakdown might occur is not predictable. But we have lived in an era of total strategy for long enough now to know that an emergency, when it comes — and come it will, unless all the lessons of history are to be ignored — will have to be tackled somehow by the whole nation with all its resources, human and industrial; not just its volunteers. We maintain undermanned and overpaid armed forces which delight in their professionalism, and which refuse to contemplate a more modest but more precautionary role as a basis for expansion. Britain, alone of its European allies, relies solely on the market place to recruit enough volunteers to meet the needs of national security. This self indulgence infects society as a whole, which feels that it has no need to worry about defence, other than to contribute to its cost through general taxation. The system, on military grounds alone, cries out for review.

The abolition of conscription was also a social tragedy. Compulsory service touched almost every family in the land and in touching them served to remind the people that the nation's defences required an effort from all her citizens however inconvenient that effort might be. Secondly with the passing of conscription an ever-dwindling proportion of the population now has knowledge of, or contact with the armed forces. This is a potentially dangerous state of affairs. It could lead to an alienation between the rest of the population and a tiny coterie of professional military men. The third reason is that universal military service provided a turnstile through which everybody had to pass — butcher, baker, candlestick maker, duke, don and doctor. That system provided some cement in a society only too notorious for its stratifications. It provided a common idiom for people of many different classes, accents and aspirations. Societies lose such a communal identity at their peril.

We would not suggest here that only some kind of military service should be reintroduced; but that the subject should certainly be reexamined in the context of arrangements for some compulsory and universal service which contained a military option, such as occurs, for instance, in France.

A short period of compulsory youth service, civilian or military, should not be seen as a palliative to youth unemployment, nor discussed in those terms. It should be seen as an innovation which could help re-create a feeling of community and national identity which threatens to slip away from this country except on rare moments of public enthusiasm. Liddell Hart, that great strategist, abhorred conscription, as one would expect of somebody who was passionately devoted to professionalism. Napoleon, on the other hand, said it "is the vitality of a nation". The subversive effects of inflation, a diminishing sense of social responsibility, and years of diffident leadership have all conspired to loosen the cement in Britain's brick work. A debate about the need for young people to be conscripted in the service of their country, in a choice of tasks which would be either civil or military, might help put that cement back where it belongs.

NO NEED TO RULE ALL THE AIR WAVES

The Government is expected shortly to announce its plans for a British satellite which would provide two extra television channels within five years, and it is thought likely that both these channels will go to the BBC. If that is the Home Secretary's decision, it will be easy to understand the reasons. The BBC gives the impression at the moment of being under capable management; it is eager to have the extra channels; and it knows what it wants to do with them. It proposes to use one channel largely though not solely for repeat programmes and the other for a subscription service which the BBC believes would be a useful earner of revenue.

There is always a natural tendency on the part of any minister to respond to proposals which are put forward with the greatest urgency and conviction. But would this further expansion really be in the best interests of the BBC itself? It is nearly sixty years since the British Broadcasting Company (as it was then called) was formed, and for more than half its life to date the BBC enjoyed a monopoly of broadcasting in this country.

That monopoly was destroyed in one field with the introduction of independent television and then in another with the coming of independent local radio. But in each instance the BBC has given ground reluctantly. It could not prevent the birth of independent television, but it responded to that competition with the determination to secure at least fifty per cent of the viewing audience. It could not block independent local radio but it was at pains to get in first with a number of local radio stations of its own. It has responded to the prospect of independent breakfast television with plans for a BBC breakfast television service, and now when two more television channels are up for grabs it is eager to get its hands on them

This thrust for expansion may itself be regarded as a sign of vitality. Each extension, and projected extension, of the BBC's activities can be defended on its merits. But the total effect has been to inflate the Corporation to the point where it has become too unwieldy. Nobody who was starting from scratch to plan the best pattern of broadcasting for Britain would give to one organization, no matter how highminded or efficient, responsibility for two out of four television channels, all national and regional radio, overseas broadcasting, a share of local radio and half the breakfast television that will shortly be available — never mind about the two more television channels.

This is not an argument for breaking up the BBC as it now exists. That would do untold damage to a service of high quality simply to fit an organizational blueprint. In any case, it would be a pretty poor blueprint that failed to link overseas broadcasting to television and radio at home because this makes it easier to sustain a position of independence from government in what could otherwise degenerate into a mere propaganda service. But the BBC will have to adjust its thinking to a world in which it can no longer hope to have a stake in every new broadcasting activity.

The Annan Committee said in its report five years ago that it regarded "the next 15 years as an interlude between two eras, in which the swansong of the era of conventional broadcasting is likely to develop into the prelude to the era of multiplicity of telecommunication services". There are differences of opinion as to how long it will take for this new era to come along. But with satellite television becoming available, it is evident that these two new channels will not be the last additional television outlets in the years ahead. If the BBC is to perform as great a service in the future as it has in the past it will have to think what its role should be when it can have only a distinctive and not a dominating share of the market.

Budget figures

From Professor R. R. Neild and Mr T. S. Ward

Sir, Anyone who looks around can see that the standard of public services has been reduced. Even more striking is the cut in public sector investment: house building, road building and investment by the nationalized industries. Yet Professor Friedman (February 13) and others keep asserting that Mrs Thatcher and her colleagues have failed to cut public expenditure.

The facts are that public expenditure has been cut severely, but those expenditure cuts, together with the tax increases and tight monetary policies imposed by the Government, have had perverse effects. They have reduced real demand and output. That has caused big increases in public expenditure on unemployment and supplementary benefits, loans to nationalized industries and other items where the Government has had little alternative but to compensate for reduced income.

As a result, total public expenditure, boosted in this way, has increased in relation to the GDP, which has been depressed by tight fiscal and monetary policies.

Critics of the Government in their own ranks look at this increase and protest. They ignore the recession and the effect of budgetary policy in causing it. They ignore the well-established proposition that figures for actual budgetary flows are no indication of budgetary policy because they do not differentiate between two types of change in expenditure and receipts: those caused by changes in GDP and those caused by policy changes, ie, changes in tax rates, public-sector prices and expenditure programmes.

The way to escape from this muddle — a way which has been embraced by Professor Friedman in the past — is to use a measure which explicitly adjusts public expenditure and receipts for variations in GDP from a growth path consistent with constant employment. On that basis, public expenditure in relation to (constant employment) GDP, which stood at 49½ per cent in 1975, was down to 45½ per cent by 1978 and has been reduced by the present Government to 42 per cent in 1981-82.

May we plead that Budget figures on a constant-employment basis be produced alongside the traditional figures in this and future Budgets? As we showed in a study published by the Institute of Fiscal Studies in 1978, this can be done without great difficulty. Unlike the corrected figures now used, those on a constant-employment basis would be a guide to the restrictive or expansionary nature of budgetary policy.

Thus, it is not so surprising that Britain is in such a deep depression when it is seen that the Budget balance on a constant employment basis has been changed from −7½ per cent of GDP in 1975 to −5 per cent in 1978 and to +2 to 3 per cent in 1981-82. That is a total tightening of 10 per cent of GDP since Mr Healey did his U-turn. It is a far greater tightening of the Budget than occurred in all the Budget balancing exercised by Labour and Conservative governments in the early 1930s, and it far exceeds the degree of budgetary restriction imposed by any of our European neighbours in the current recession.

Yours faithfully,
R. R. NEILD,
T. S. WARD,
University of Cambridge,
Faculty Board of Economics and Politics,
Sidgwick Avenue,
Cambridge.
February 22.

Hot line

From Mr J. N. Oppenheim

Sir, When it is good, it is very, very good. Yesterday, at noon in Edinburgh, I requested that a telephone be installed as soon as possible and, lo and behold, it was installed and working at 3.25 pm.

Your faithfully,
J. N. OPPENHEIM,
10 St Mary at Hill, EC3.
February 24.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A challenging view of trial juries

From his Honour Gilbert F. Leslie

Sir, It is reported (February 23) that in a case at the Old Bailey, in which 15 young blacks are on trial, no fewer than 37 jurors were "challenged" on the first day. After 40 minutes a jury consisting of three blacks, three Asians and six whites was chosen. On the second day, however, the jury had to be discharged and a new trial begun, because it was disclosed that one of the jurors was related to one of the counsel in the case.

Before a second jury was chosen no fewer than 26 jurors were "challenged" (including white members of the first jury) and a similar time was taken up. The second jury was composed of five blacks, five whites and two Asians.

As the law is at present, an accused person is able to "challenge" three jurors peremptorily and thus prevent them from hearing his case. He gives no reasons. His counsel, or he himself, merely says "challenge!" as the juror is about to take the oath or affirm, and the juror has to leave the jury-box. But in the course of many years' experience at the Bar and on the Bench, on the North-Eastern Circuit (1932-62 less the war years) I never saw a juror peremptorily challenged, and I heard of only one case in which the right had been exercised. Counsel and defendants accepted what they regarded as "the luck of the draw".

In 1965, when I first presided at a criminal court in London, I was consequently very much surprised to find that "challenges" are common in the metropolis. So far as I could tell, between then and my retirement in 1980, they are usually made because defending counsel thinks that the juror may be intelligent or because the juror is white or a woman.

In view of what goes on in the London courts I have formed the strong opinion, and I know that many experienced judges agree, that peremptory challenges should be abolished. If for any reason it would be unfair for a particular juror to adjudicate in a particular case, then let the objection be stated in open court in the presence of the juror and be ruled upon by the judge. I believe that the law should be reformed in this way without delay.

I also believe that the law relating to the qualifications of jurors should be re-examined; but that is another story.

Yours faithfully,
GILBERT F. LESLIE,
Reform Club, SW1.
February 24.

'Sale' of Oxford places

From Dr and Mrs B. Ward-Perkins

Sir, The case of Wadham College accepting two students sight unseen (report, February 19), merely on the basis of a £500,000 gift from their father, has raised interesting reactions in Oxford. In particular there seems to be a prevalent attitude that this is a harmless way of raising much needed money "for the greater good", since it involves foreign students outside the government-imposed quotas for British and EEC nationals.

However, we should like to point out that, long before quotas were introduced, this kind of sale, had it involved British students, would have been considered an unacceptable affront to Oxford's meritocratic ideals. Is it not a worrying case of double morality, and furthermore insulting to the foreign countries involved, that we are prepared to do for them what we would not dream of doing for ourselves?

Yours etc.,
BRYAN WARD-PERKINS,
KATE WARD-PERKINS,
As from: Trinity College,
Oxford.

From Mrs R. A. Briant

Sir, The current controversy over Wadham College's admission policy raises two questions. The first is obvious: should places be made available in exchange for donations and if, in principle, this be wrong, can there be circumstances in which it is none the less an acceptable course of action because the good it achieves outweighs the bad? In general my sympathies go against Wadham although I can see there is a case to be made on both sides.

The second issue exercises me more: is this controversy essentially a private matter as some would seem to imply? Oxbridge colleges are, after all, private foundations. The answer to this seems to me clear. Oxford and Cambridge play a significant role in the public life of this country and are establishments of international renown. They confer qualifications which attract worldwide respect, give authority to their possessor's researches and opinions and ease access to many of the more influential positions in our society. Given this, while selection of undergraduates and senior members is of course a college affair, the guidelines by which their choice is made must be of public concern.

More generally, it is surely those entrusted with governing institutions which are not publicly accountable yet have influence and prestige whom we are most entitled to hope would conduct their affairs with integrity, mindful of public responsibilities as well as private interest. It is the price such institutions pay for their eminence that their decision may be the legitimate subject of public debate.

Yours faithfully,
ROMY BRIANT,
7 Canterbury Road,
Oxford.
February 24.

European Court judgment on caning

From Mr Edward Baker

Sir, I have not seen the full text of the judgment of the European Court of Human Rights in *Campbell and Cosans v UK*, in which I was one of those representing the first applicant when the matter was before the Commission at Strasbourg, but the summary you print today (February 26) hardly seems to justify your leading article's conclusion that the court "specifically refused to find caning . . . degrading treatment or punishment".

The court has apparently adopted the view, previously expressed by the Commission, that in a case where the applicants' own children were never actually subjected to corporal punishment, and where no medical evidence was produced of their having suffered psychological or other adverse effects from the mere risk or threat of such infliction, that risk or threat could not by itself involve breach of article 3.

The article 3 implications of the actual use of corporal punishment are understood to be raised in a number of applications presently still *sub judice* at Strasbourg. The question also arose in a case which the Commission disposed of last year under the so-called "friendly settlement" procedure (*Case of Mrs X v United Kingdom*, report adopted by the Commission on December 17, 1981).

In the latter case the British Government compromised an article 3 claim arising from a school punishment of "a few strokes of the cane" by paying £1,200 damages to the applicant and undertaking to issue a circular (the text of which, I believe, has still to be approved by the Commission) advising local education authorities in the United Kingdom "that the use of corporal punishment might in certain circumstances amount to treatment contrary to article 3 of the Convention".

The obligations which the Government has thereby undertaken under international law would appear to be unaffected by the court's decision in *Campbell and Cosans v United Kingdom*.

It should perhaps also be emphasized that a friendly settlement is an ad-hoc arrangement arrived at by the parties to one particular dispute on the basis of "respect for human rights as defined in the Convention". It does not affect the right of other complainants to have their cases heard.

Yours faithfully,
EDWARD BAKER,
23 Salisbury House,
London Wall, EC2.
February 26.

Vatican relations

From the Reverend R. T. Beckwith

Sir, The announcement, now some weeks old, that ambassadors were to be exchanged with the Vatican raises one important point which I have not yet seen discussed.

Since the announcement was made without any prior discussion in Parliament, the Government is presumably working on the assumption that it has the legal power to exchange ambassadors without any further legislation to authorise it. The question is, however, has it in fact this power?

When the question of exchanging ambassadors was first mooted, as long ago as 1848, it was envisaged that such a step might be contrary to the Bill of Rights (1688) and the Act of Settlement (1700). Consequently, an "Act for enabling her Majesty to establish and maintain diplomatic relations with the Sovereign of the Roman States" was passed in that year.

However, in 1875 the 1848 Act was repealed as obsolete, the Papal States having lost their independence five years earlier. The Act had never, in fact, been implemented, because of the stipulations it made about the kind of ambassador from Rome who would be acceptable, and the British Government had continued to be represented there by an unofficial agent.

Even before the Vatican regained its independence as a state under the Lateran Treaty of 1929, unofficial diplomatic representation of the same kind was resumed, and an Apostolic Delegate was sent from Rome to England in 1938, as to other countries which (to quote Addis and Arnold's *Catholic Dictionary*) "have no regular diplomatic relations with the Holy See". No legislation was introduced into Parliament to authorise this, since none was thought necessary where the diplomatic relations were unofficial.

The proposal now, however, is that the relations should be made official, and ambassadors exchanged. In 1848 an Act of Parliament was thought necessary to make such a step lawful. The Act was subsequently repealed and no further such act has been passed. It appears, therefore, that the action which the Government is contemplating is unlawful and ultra vires.

Yours faithfully,
R. T. BECKWITH,
Latimer House,
131 Banbury Road,
Oxford.
February 15.

Lead in petrol

From Dr Richard Axton

Sir, If the government were to set a lower rate of tax on lead-free petrol people and their cars would soon be converted. The motor manufacturing industry might even benefit from the breath of fresh air.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD AXTON,
Christ's College,
Cambridge.
February 24.

Human factor

From Sir Ian Gilmour, MP for Chesham and Amersham (Conservative)

Sir, Unemployment is one of the greatest social and economic tragedies, and at present there are over three million unemployed in this country. Yet you managed to write a leading article on the forthcoming Budget today (February 25) without once mentioning unemployment. Even though one must hope that not many readers of *The Times* are *on the dole*, that was surely a remarkable omission?

Yours faithfully,
IAN GILMOUR,
House of Commons.
February 25.

Sotheby's Belgravia

From Mr G. D. Llewellyn

Sir, Mr Lee's letter (February 25) is disingenuous. Sotheby's Belgravia, as he must know, is emphatically not closing down. Its very success led us some years ago to open negotiations for the acquisition of larger space adjoining our headquarters at Bond Street to accommodate Sotheby's Belgravia's need for expansion.

This space has happily become available to us two years earlier than expected.

Yours faithfully,
GRAHAM D. LLEWELLYN,
Chief Executive,
Sotheby Parke Bernet and Co,
34-35 New Bond Street, W1.
February 26.

A dacoit at bay

From Dr Jane M. Renfrew

Sir, Trevor Fishlock's account of Malkhan, the present day dacoit "king" in the Chambal Valley (February 15), prompted me to refer to some notes made by my grandfather, Sir Robert Ewbank, about his capture of another notorious dacoit, Jotia Sardar, in Sanjeli State some time before the First World War, which may be of interest.

Dacoity had been more of less stamped out in British India, but it survived here and there in corners of Rajputana, and Jotia Sardar had created a reign of terror in some independent native states to the north. Once he entered Sanjeli State, which was in my grandfather's charge, he had to be tackled and law and order restored.

Sardar's procedure was to visit a village unexpectedly, accompanied by two or three of his gang, and to order a good supper — meat, rice, something sweet, and a bottle of country liquor — followed by a bed and a woman. If the headman refused he would walk trough the village swinging his sword and lopping off the heads of any children who happened to come in his way, as a foretaste of what might follow. After a couple of nights of Sardar terrorising the inhabitants of Sanjeli State, having murdered several children and outraged several young women, my grandfather arrived to tackle him.

With a police force of only six sepoys to help, he enlisted the assistance of all the men of this small state to spread out along the border at dawn armed with any weapons they could lay their hands on — rusty old swords and spears, flintlocks and even bows and arrows — and at a given signal to start beating their way towards the centre, examining all possible hiding places as they went. At first a large number of panthers were disturbed, but around lunchtime the beaters came to some caves at the foot of a tall rockface and approached by a narrow, winding defile. My grandfather edged his way forward alone, pressing against the side of the defile.

As soon as the dacoits saw him a couple of blunderbusses charged with old nails, bits of stone and glass were let off with a tremendous explosion. Having thus drawn their fire, my grandfather tried a new line of approach. The onlookers were set to work to gather dry wood and to throw it over the cliff to make a huge bonfire at the mouth of the cave. Once this was lit it soon scorched them out.

My grandfather, with a sepoy on either side, knelt where the defile debouched on the hillside. First of all a wild-looking dacoit came tearing out of the gorge brandishing a pistol. The two sepoys fired at once and killed him. Then came a second ruffian also flourishing a pistol; the fojdar (sergeant) with the small force shot him in the shoulder, but neither was Jotia Sardar.

After a minute a really horrific figure with a muzzle-loading pistol in each hand, and a quantity of daggers and assorted ironmongery stuck in his belt, came bounding towards them; he fired at my grandfather and knocked off his topee, rushed at him and took a flying leap over his head. A sepoy caught Sarder in mid-air with a great swing of his sword, and cut his Achilles tendon, which brought him crashing to the ground.

Sardar was taken back to the local town tied on to my grandfather's horse and surrounded by an uproarious crowd surging round. He was then passed on to higher authority and duly dealt with.

Yours sincerely,
JANE M. RENFREW,
5A Chaucer Road,
Cambridge.

Mr Jeremy Thorpe and Amnesty

From Mr David Astor and others

Sir, Human rights are being abused throughout the world under widely differing political systems. We believe the world needs an independent body of unassailable integrity to expose these official abuses. It must be impartial, disinterested, and of impeccable judgment. We have supported the efforts of Amnesty International because its work for the oppressed has been conducted in this manner.

We are therefore disturbed by the damage done to Amnesty International that may be caused by the announcement of Mr Jeremy Thorpe's appointment to head its British section. In our view, after all the misfortunes in which he has been involved in recent years, his appointment could seriously harm the work of Amnesty International. Mr Thorpe has shown himself to be a man of unsound judgment.

Mr Thorpe was chosen by the governing body of the British Section of Amnesty; that body is now responsible to Amnesty's members and supporters throughout this country. We believe that all those who share our view should join in making their opinion unequivocally known to the governing authority of the British Section.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID ASTOR,
PATRICIA HEWITT,
RICHARD HOGGART,
PETER REDDAWAY,
JILL TWEEDIE,
MICHAEL ZANDER,
9 Cavendish Avenue, NW8.
February 25.

Saving bird habitats

From the Director, the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds

Sir, Your profile of the Forestry Commission (February 22) states that the conservationists "know that they need sites for golden plovers' nests so they know that they are against afforestation". Not so. There is ample room for further forestry in many parts of upland Scotland: the point at issue is the choice of sites. In Wales and England much less plantable land remains. In Wales a substantial proportion is known to be the national stronghold for important upland bird communities, including the golden plover.

In northern England and Scotland the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds and the Nature Conservancy Council are undertaking major survey programmes to pinpoint sensitive upland areas and identify the habitat requirements of bird species at risk. But it will require a commitment from forestry interests if integration is to be successful.

So far as existing state for forests are concerned, we are particularly pleased that the commission has embarked on work, in conjunction with our society, to produce detailed guidelines which will enable bird conservation objectives to be taken properly into account in future forest management.

However there are still areas where serious differences of opinion exist, notably over the management of the country's remaining seminatural woodlands. Of particular concern are remnant areas of Caledonian pine forest: the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds is deeply concened by the apparent failure of the native pinewood scheme, administered by the Forestry Commission, to prevent the clearance of mature woodland on Speyside which is the prime habitat for Britain's only endemic bird, the Scottish crossbill, and two pinewood specialities, the crested tit and capercaillie.

Yours faithfully,
IAN PRESTT,
Director,
The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds,
The Lodge,
Sandy, Bedfordshire.
February 23.

University funding

From the Provost of University College London

Sir, Your report of last Wednesday's preliminary discussion by the Senate of the University of London of the University College application for direct UGC funding may perhaps be misunderstood. Such a statement as "not a single head of college spoke in favour" might be taken to imply that at least one spoke against it.

In fact, no heads of the other colleges, schools and institutes of the university contributed to this preliminary discussion as they will be having a separate exchange of views on the matter at the Collegiate Council. The discussion at Senate was well balanced, although student members of Senate (not from University College) made a number of speeches against the proposal.

JAMES LIGHTHILL, Provost,
University College,
Gower Street, WC1.
February 26.

All in a mess

From Major C. P. Good

Sir, A recently arrived circular has provided us with some light relief. It was addressed to Mr Officers Mess, commenced "Dear Mr Mess," and wished to know whether Mr. Mess thought it worth investing 40p per week to get the world's most quoted magazine.

Even at this reduced price we think that we shall save our money.

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,
C. P. GOOD,
Officers Mess,
1st Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment,
BFPO 811.
February 16.

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
February 26: The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by Major Sir Ralph Anstruther, Bt at the Memorial Service for Sir Douglas Glover which was held in St Margaret's, Westminster, today.

Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester, as president of St John's Ophthalmic Hospital in Jerusalem Ladies' Guild, will attend a luncheon at the Order of St John, Clerkenwell, London, on March 11.

The Duke of Kent, as honorary member of the King's Lynn Rotary Club, will lunch with the club at the Hotel Mildenhall, King's Lynn, on April 2, and as vice-chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board will visit the factories of Berol Ltd and Foster Refrigeration (UK) Ltd on the same day.

The Duchess of Kent will open the new surgery at Burnham Market, Norfolk, on April 7.

Memorial services will be held in Cambridge today for: Dr L. T. Topsfield, Great St Mary's, 11.30; Dr J. A. J. Whelan, Christ's College, 2.15; Miss E. E. H. Welsford, Newnham College, 3; Mr F. McD. C. Turner, Magdalene College, 2.30.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:
Mrs Susan Greig to be headmistress of The Royal School, Bath, in September.

The following to be members of the Independent Broadcasting Authority's local advisory committee for independent local radio in the Birmingham area:
Mr K Hardeman (chairman), Mr M Chohan, Mr A Davies, Miss J Green, Mrs M Harris, Miss J. Hulland, Mr S Kirkham, Miss H McIntosh, Mr S Walker, Mr A Webb.

Royal Academy of Dramatic Art

The winner of the Bancroft gold medal of the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art is Mr Kenneth Branagh, whose first London appearance will be in *Another Country* opening at the Queen's Theatre on March 2.

Birthdays



Miss Antoinette Sibley, the prima ballerina, who is 43 today

TODAY: Sir Myles Abbott, 76; the Marquess of Bute, 49; Viscount Cowdray, 72; Mr Lawrence Durrell, 70; Vice-Admiral Sir Kaye Edden, 77; Sir Peter Emery, MP, 56; Sir Berkeley Gage, 78; Sir Philip Hay, 64; Mr Mervyn Jones, 60; Mr Hugh Leggatt, 57; Mr G. Maitland Smith, 49; Air Marshal Sir Harold Martin, 64; Sir Algernon Rumbold, 76; Miss Elizabeth Taylor, 50.
TOMORROW: Sir Peter Baxendell, 57; Mr Alfred Burke, 64; Field Marshal Sir James Cassels, 75; Sir William Coldstream, 74; Dame Frances Gardner, 69; Sir Roland Jacobs, 91; Air Chief Marshal Sir Peter Medawar, OM, CH, 67; Mr Brian Moore, 50; Mr Robin Phillips, 40; Sir Ronald Radford, 66; Professor Stephen Spender, 73; General Sir Noel Thomas, 67; Sir Michael Young-Herries, 59.
LEAP YEAR BIRTHDAYS: Mr Joss Ackland, 54; Mr Mario Andretti, 42; Sir William Christie, 86; Shri Morarji Desai, 86; Mr P. A. Lingard, 66; James Ogilvy, 18; Mr Victor Wolfgang von Hagen, 74.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr N. L. Edwards and Miss C. A. Streeter
The engagement is announced between Nicholas le Lacheur, twin son of Mr N. L. Edwards and the late Mr H. S. Edwards, of Dorking, Surrey, and Coralie Anne, elder daughter of His Honour Judge Streeter and Mrs J. Streeter, of Sissinghurst, Kent.

Mr P. A. Lennon and Miss P. A. Nesling
The engagement is announced between Peter, younger son of Mr Dennis Lennon, CBE, and Mrs Else Lennon, of Hamper Mill, Watford, and Pamela, only daughter of Mr and Mrs H. E. Nesling, of Chorleywood, Hertfordshire.

Marriages

Mr A. W. D. Perrins and Miss N. P. Hickling
The marriage took place on February 20 at St Peter's, Yoxford, between Mr Andrew W. D. Perrins, son of the late Mr A. M. D. Perrins and Mrs M. Jewell, of Upton upon Severn and Miss Nicola P. Hickling, daughter of Mr and Mrs E. P. Hickling, of West Hanningfield.

Mr R. A. Pilcher and Mrs L. P. Lemaitre
The marriage took place quietly in London on February 26 between Mr Roger Pilcher and Mrs Lydia Lemaitre.

Forte to aid opera company

The final curtain comes down tonight on the D'Oyly Carte Opera Company, faithful performers of the works of Gilbert and Sullivan for the past 106 years.

Although about 100 members of the company will lose their jobs after tonight's farewell performance (for Friends of D'Oyly Carte only), there are hopes that a new-look company may be launched at the end of this year.

Dame Bridget D'Oyly Carte, chairman of the trustees, is expected to announce from the stage of the Adelphi Theatre that Lord Forte, the hotel and catering magnate, has launched a bid to keep alive the D'Oyly Carte name.

He is understood to have put up £50,000 towards forming a new company and has also raised funds from other businessmen and commercial sponsors. £1m is needed to launch a new D'Oyly Carte company and keep it afloat.

Poulters' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Poulters' Company for the ensuing year:
Mr C. A. Wiard, Master; Mr M. G. Sproat, Upper Warden; Mr C. W. H. Longley, Renter Warden.

Psychology, theology and the temptation

St Matthew's account of the temptations in the wilderness has a startling opening: "Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil". Contemporary religious thought tends to one of two extreme opinions about the devil: either that he is an antique fancy (various liberal theologians) or that he is the personification of supernatural evil frequently interfering in the lives of saints (sundry revivalists and charismatics). Generally, the Bible takes neither view but insists instead that the devil or Satan is an important part of the divine creation.

In the book of Job he is one of the "sons of God" and in St Matthew's version of the temptations he is almost an accomplice of the Spirit — for Jesus is not lured or tricked into the wilderness by diabolical cunning, nor does he merely wander there aimlessly only to be picked-off by the wily old snake; but the Son of God is led into confrontation with the devil by the Spirit.

If we can make sense of St Matthew's emphasis, then we stand to benefit from a deeper insight than those provided by either the demythologizers or the diabolizers. Of course, we find ourselves immediately in the realm of incarnational paradoxes, for while Christ as divine Son of God could not commit sin, we are obliged to believe that Jesus the man really suffered temptation. And for the suffering of temptation to be genuine it is necessary to admit the real possibility of moral failure, of giving in.

Some years ago John A.T. Robinson wrote an interesting article in which he suggested that the temptations were a test of Jesus's relationship with God. This is no doubt true but I think there is another element in the story — one which concerns the complete integrity of Jesus himself. In psychological terms the event immediately preceding the temptations (his baptism and annunciation in the Jordan) is a unifying and integrating sign. Jesus is told who he is and his vocation is dramatically announced: "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased".

Analytical psychologists indicate that doubt and darkness usually follow swiftly upon intensely positive experiences of this kind. Moreover, countless stories and legends from Ulysses to Balder, from Tamino to Siegfied, bear witness to a time of severe testing which occurs soon after the hero's initial call.

Jung has called this testing an "encounter with the shadow", that is, with the dark side of human personality — an encounter which is absolutely necessary of spiritual development (individuation) is to follow. I suggest that in the story of the temptations there were not two characters involved but two aspects of the one Jesus. Only a saviour who has endured all that we endure can save us in the end.

If, when we look at the temptations, we see Satan, the shadow as sharing in the divine sonship, we can appreciate all the better his purpose which is to provide stimulation and the opportunity for virtue. It is the devil who asks all the questions. He takes the initiative. Jesus is prepared to continue a long argument with him and he is banished only when the courses of action suggested by him have been accommodated and subtly redirected.

All that is anathema to orthodoxy, which sees Jesus not only as sinless but as incapable of sin. But if he really was incapable of sin then the temptations were play-acting and Jesus was not truly man as well as truly God.

A psychologist would see Jesus's shadow in subsequent parts of the gospel narrative: in the cursing of the fig-tree; in the vitriolic words to the Scribes; in his words to Peter when that disciple "began to rebuke him" concerning his arrest and crucifixion. (Those words, "Get thee behind me, Satan" were addressed psychologically to the shadow and not to the rock upon which the church was to be built; and finally, of course, in the words of dereliction from the cross.

In all these cases it is still reasonable to affirm that Jesus was without sin; but he acknowledged the existence of the shadow and by accommodating tis energies and transforming its intention made it a part of his integrated personality.

The tradition of the church, by contrast, has always refused to integrate the shadow into the total personality of Jesus. And because it has refused to do so it has created an enormous problem in the form of a separated personality who is supernaturally evil and who wreaks destruction over the earth until the last battle, an event which Jung rightly characterizes as "an enantiodromia (a theatrical opposition) on the grand scale".

That is the fatal dualism, fatal for consistent monotheism, to which orthodoxy always tends. And its corollary is a cosmic Christ who more closely resembles the Gnostic Redeemer than the Suffering Servant (acquainted with grief) or the Son of Man.

The projection of undesirable attributes on to others is as dangerous for theological thinking as it is for psychology; that this is necessarily so becomes obvious when we regard theology and psychology as respectively objective and subjective accounts of the same phenomena.

By blaming others for what is really the influence of my own dark side I am led into neurosis and the moral torpor of which neurosis is the cause; by refusing that collaboration between the Spirit and the devil which St Matthew insists on I am left with a Christ who is neither true God nor true man but a caricature of both.

Peter Mullen
Vicar of Tockwith

OBITUARY

MR KEITH HENDERSON

Painter and illustrator

Mr Malcolm Fry writes:
Mr Keith Henderson, O.B.E., R.W.S., the painter, died in hospital in South Africa on February 24 in his 99th year. He was born in 1883 and was educated privately and at Marlborough College. He studied at the Slade School and at the Académie de la Grande Chaumière in Paris. He was friendly with Edmund Dulac and shared a studio with Maxwell Armfield and Norman Wilkinson.

Like many of his contemporaries he combined a talent for literature and published volumes of memoirs, poetry and plays. He was a fine portrait painter and illustrated many books including *The Romaunt of the Rose; Under the Greenwood Tree; Green Mansions; Palm Groves and Humming Birds* and many others.

He joined the cavalry in 1914, serving in France. During a leave in 1916 he married Helen Knox-Shaw. He was greatly devoted to Helen who died in 1971. After her death he sold his home in Invernesshire and moved to London, living in a small flat in Regents Park. Finding the winters too cold he went to South Africa where he lived with relatives. He fell and broke his femur and his last few months were spent in hospital.

His passing is a great loss to the art world for he was a prolific painter in oils, watercolours and pastels of landscapes and figure subjects. He exhibited at the majority of the leading art galleries in England as well as abroad.

He was perhaps the last of the great Victorian painters of his generation. His great love was the Royal Society of Painters in Water Colours to which he was elected an associate in 1930 and a full member in 1937. Unfortunately he never saw the splendid new gallery of the RWS on Bankside to which he devoted so much of his energies.

He was a fine artist, a great gentleman. His lively wit and sense of humour, his humanity and friendliness will be hard to replace, but the results of his artistic life will remain.

SIR WILLIAM URTON

Sir William Urton, MBE, General Director of the Conservative and Unionist Central Office from 1957, when he succeeded Sir Stephen Pierssené, to 1966, died on February 25, at the age of 73.

William Holmes Lister Urton was born on June 30, 1908, and educated at Chesterfield Grammar School. His involvement in Conservative politics began early and he was appointed Conservative agent at Chesterfield in 1930.

He joined the Territorial Army in 1936 and his war service with 50 (Northumbrian) Division took him to France, Sicily and Normandy. In 1945 he was posted to Norway where he met his future wife. After the war he was Conservative Central Office Agent for Yorkshire and later for London. He was knighted in 1960.

He married in 1945 Kirsten Hustad, daughter of Einar Hustad, of Namsos. They had two daughters.

COLONEL G. S. COURTNEY

Colonel Geoffrey Stuart Courtney, OBE, (Charles to many friends) who has died, aged 90, was educated at the Royal Naval College, Osborne and at Dartmouth, and became a midshipman in 1909. He was invalided out of the Navy in 1912; but in 1914 he was accepted for enlistment in the Royal Engineers Signals as a motor-cycle dispatch rider and served at Mons with 5 Cavalry Brigade.

Commissioned in 1915, he was appointed Brigade Signals Officer in 3 Cavalry Brigade until April, 1918, when his horse was shot under him and fell on him. On discharge from hospital, he was posted as GSO3 in the Directorate of Military Intelligence, until demobilized in November, 1919.

Between the wars he was employed by Vickers Ltd, as personal assistant to the director in charge of Land and Air Armament.

In June, 1939, he was appointed Adjutant of the 3rd Battalion The London Scottish, which he helped to raise and organize as a Heavy Anti-aircraft Regiment. After commanding 298 Heavy AA Battery and a spell as GSO2 at the War Office, he returned, as lieut-colonel, to command the 3rd London Scottish in October, 1940, for two noisy years of the London "Blitz".

In August, 1942, he became Commandant of Combined Operations Experimental Establishment, in connextion with the Normandy landings, before going out to India to advise on a similar establishment for the Burma and Malayan amphibious operations.

After the war, he worked for Rootes Ltd, as export division manager for Europe and Africa and, later, as manager of the special sales department.

His wife Edith (née Black) of Montreal, died last year, and he is survived by their three sons.

SIR MARTIN FLETT

Sir Martin Flett, KCB, who died on February 25 at the age of 70 was formerly Permanent Under-Secretary of State, Air Ministry.

The son of Sir John Smith Flett, KBE, FRS, the distinguished geologist, he was born on July 30, 1911, and educated at George Watson's College, St Paul's School and St John's College, Oxford, where he took a first in modern history in 1933. The same year he joined the Home Civil Service at the Dominions Office moving to the Treasury in 1934.

From 1944 to 1946 he was at the War Cabinet Office, Ministry of Reconstruction and the Lord President's Office. From 1949 to 1956 he was an Under-Secretary at the Treasury, and then served in Washington as alternate United Kingdom director at the International Bank and as Financial Counsellor, British Embassy.

From 1956 to 1961 he was Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Power. In 1961 he was transferred to the Air Ministry as Deputy Under-Secretary of State; in 1963 he succeeded Sir Maurice Dean as Permanent Under-Secretary of State. In the spring of 1964 he became Second Permanent Under-Secretary of State, (RAF) in the new unified Ministry of Defence, and from 1968 he was responsible for Equipment at that ministry.

After his retirement he was for eight years a director of Decca Ltd, and was also a director of Siebe Gorman Holdings Ltd.,

VIRGINIA BRUCE

Virginia Bruce, the blonde American actress who appeared in dozens of Hollywood films in the 1930s and 1940s, has died in California at the age of 71.

Born Helen Virginia Briggs in Minneapolis, she was a performer with the Ziegfeld Follies before entering the cinema in 1929. Among her films were *Woman Trap, The Love Parade*, the 1934 version of *Jane Eyre* in which she played the title role, *The Great Ziegfeld, Born to Dance, Between Two Women* and *Night has a Thousand Eyes*. In 1952 she came to Britain to make *The Reluctant Bride* and her last film, *Strangers When We Meet*, was in 1960. She had been in poor health for several years.

She was married four times. Her first husband, from 1932 to 1934, was John Gilbert, one of the stars of the silent screen.

DR I. HUTCHISON

Dr Isobel Wylie Hutchison, an intrepid traveller and plant collector, died on February 20.

A veteran of many hazardous expeditions to Greenland, Alaska and the Aleutian Islands she had brought home plants for the Royal Horticultural Society, Kew, and the British Museum. In addition to publishing accounts of her travels — she wrote a series of articles on life in the Aleutians for *The Times* — she also printed several books of verse.

Mr Don Davis, presenter of the popular BBC Radio 2 quiz programme *Beat the Record*, died on February 25 at the age of 62. Davis devised the programme, which had run since 1972, and established a special rapport with listeners who telephoned the programme to identify pieces of music.

Memorial services

Colonel Sir Douglas Glover
The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by Major Sir Ralph Anstruther, who read from *Pilgrim's Progress*, by John Bunyan, at a memorial service for Colonel Sir Douglas Glover held yesterday at St Margaret's, Westminster. Canon Trevor Beeson officiated, assisted by the Bishop of Ely, who also gave an address, and Canon D. W. C. Mossman, who also represented the Bishop of Gibraltar in Europe. The Prime Minister read the lesson. The Lord President attended and the Speaker was represented by Mr W. A. Beaumont. Lord Home of the Hirsel and Mr Edward Heath, MP, were present. Among others present were:
Lady Glover (widow), Mr and Mrs Brian Glover (brother and sister-in-law), Mr and Mrs Michael Jephson, Mr and Mrs David Fisher, Mr Ian Brown, Mr and Mrs Gordon Jones, Mr and Mrs Donald Hardy, Mr and Mrs B Bourne, Mrs F E Taylor, Mr and Mrs Norman Mitchell, Mrs Patreck Telfer Smollett, Miss G Telfer Smollett, Mr David Telfer Smollett, Miss Jane Williamson.
Mary Duchess of Buccleuch, the Earl and Countess of Effingham, the Earl and Countess of Burford, Viscountess Sandon, Lord and Lady Hollenden, Lord and Lady Maybray-King, Lord Wakefield of Kendal, Lord Thorneycroft, CH, Lord and Lady Fraser of Kilmorack, Lord Boardman, Lady Huntingfield, Mrs P K Walker, Mr Mark Carlisle, QC, MP (North West Area Conservative Members of Parliament Group), Mr Enoch Powell, MP, Mr Maurice Macmillan, MP, Sir John Eden, MP, Mr Edward du Cann, MP (Chairman, 1922 Committee), the Hon Joshua Vanneck, the Hon Anthony Berry, MP, Sir Rolf and Lady Dudley-Williams, Colonel Sir Geoffrey Errington (Colonel, The King's Regiment) and Lady Errington, Sir James Cayzer, Sir Reginald Bennett, Sir Jasper More, Sir Alan Rothnie, Sir Nigel Fisher, MP, and Lady Fisher, Sir Paul and Lady Grey, the Solicitor General and Lady Percival, Sir Charles Taylor, Sir William van Straubenzee, MP, Sir Frederic Bennett, MP, and Lady Bennett, Lady (Colin) Barber, Sir John Peel, Sir John and Lady Tilney, Sir Harry Boyne (Conservative Central Office), Sir David Sells, Sir Albert Costain, MP (also representing the Deputy Speaker), Mme Emmanuel de Margerie.
C Mr Peter Lane (National Union of Conservative Associations), Mr H E Ballance (Ormskirk Constituency Conservative Association) with Mr William Rigby; Mr Alan Smith (representing the chairman of the Conservative Party and the National Union of Conservative and Unionist Associations), Mr Tom Normanton, MP, MEP (Cheadle Constituency Conservative Association), Mr I D Watson (representing the staff of Giggleswick School), Miss A Hamlin (King Edward VII Hospital for Officers) with Miss J Thomas; Mr William H Colver (Queen's Chapel of the Savoy), Mr John Stradling Thomas (deputy Government Chief Whip), Mr J E Price and Mr Herbert Butler (Association of Lancastrians in London), Major L W Dickerson (Manchester Regiment), Mr W F Hodson (7th Battalion, Manchester Regiment), Prince and Princess Alexander Croy, Mr Alastair Goodlad, MP, and Mrs Goodlad, Mr Carol Mather, MP, Mr and the Hon Mrs John Koppel, Mr Percy Grieve, QC, MP, Mr David Crouch, MP, Mr Anthony Grant, MP, Mr E K F Callaghan, Mr Harold Soref (Formby Conservative Association), The Ven T R and Mrs Quin, Mr and Mrs R Rayner, Colonel and Mrs Jack Smith, Mr and Mrs John Hardy, Miss E J Hardy, Mr Derek Howe, Mr Ian Gow, MP, Mr Ian Harvey, Mr Hugh Rossi, MP; Mr H A Leimbacher-Foster, Mr and Mrs D Fisher, Mrs Michael Linnett, Major Norman Fraser, the Rev Ralph and Mrs Thicknesse, Colonel Patrick Montgomery, Dr David Hamilton, Mr and Mrs J F Robinson, Mr John Rayner, Mr W Roger Carter, Mr Donald Box (Lyddon and Company), Mr John Hussey (Textile Distributors Association, Derbyshire), Mr M O Jenner, Dr J G Wilie, Mr Robert Linsley (Carlton Club), Mr Barry Wieland (Chaumet) and Mr B Hansen (Claridge's hotel).

Miss M. A. Davidson
A meeting of thanksgiving for the life of Miss May Alison Davidson was held in the University Church of St May the Virgin, Oxford, yesterday. It was led by the Rev F. B. Stevenson, chaplain, Warneford Hospital, and introduced by Professor D. E. Blackman, President of the British Psychological Society. A reading was given by Dr Joan Kirk and addresses by Dr R. R. Hetherington, Dr S. J. G. Spencer and Professor H. Gwynne Jones, Leeds University.
Among others present were:-
Dame Janet Vaughan, Professor David Hawks (Department of Health and Social Security), Dr David Pollock (Oxford Regional Health Authority, Dr J S Rodgers (Oxfordshire Area Health Authority (teaching)); Professor Andrew Matthews (London University); Dr John Hall (department of psychology, Warneford Hospital); Dr M H Healley (Children in Touch); Dr David Mulhall, Dr Josephine Lomax-Simpson (Messenger House Trust), Mrs I M Fleming-Boyd (Oxford University Counselling Service), Mrs E Rush (Littlemore Hospital), Miss V Pritchard (Sobell House, Oxford), Mr Jack Stedman (Park Hospital), and Dr Freda Newcombe.

Latest wills

Margot Grahame, of Bayswater, London, the actress, left estate valued at £302,979 net. After personal bequests totalling £30,300, she left £10,000 to the Royal National Institute for the Deaf, £5,000 to the Dogs' Home, Battersea, and the residue equally between the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association and the Royal National Life-boat Institution.
Other estates include (net, before tax paid):
Maingot, Mr Rodney Honor, of Hove, surgeon and writer £177,543.
Halford, Mrs Helen Margaret, of Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire £266,456

Dinners

HM Government
The Hon George Younger, Secretary of State for Scotland, was host at a dinner held last night at 6 Charlotte Square, Edinburgh to mark the centenary year of ancient monuments protection in Scotland.

Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors Junior Organization
The annual dinner of the Junior Organization of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors was held last night at the House of Commons. Mr Christopher Patten, MP, was the host and Mr Max Crofts, chairman, welcomed the principal guests, Mr Edward Heath, MP, Mr Stuart Turner, and Mr Philip Watkins, President of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors.

Royal College of Radiologists
Dr John W. Laws, president and other officers of the Royal College of Radiologists, entertained at dinner at 38 Portland Place yesterday, the speakers and guests at the clinical oncology symposium on paediatric oncology being held at the weekend. Among those present were:
Dr C C Bailey, Dr Jill Birch, Dr J A Bullimore, Dr G E Flatman, Dr K E Halna, Professor R M Hardisty, who will deliver the second George Edelstyn Memorial Lecture, Dr Patricia Morris Jones, Professor J S Malpas, Dr H B Marsden, Dr B C Morson, Dr M G Mott, Mr B O'Donnell, Dr D Pearson, Dr J Pritchard, Professor E C Stroud, Dr E M Sweet and Mr D Innes Williams.

Lord Abinger
Lord Abinger, vice-president, presided over the annual Byron Society dinner held in the House of Lords last night. The Earl of Bessborough and Mr Timothy Burnett, of the British Library spoke on Byron and his Regency circle. Among other speakers were the Countess of Longford, Professor Erwin Sturzl, of Salzburg University, and Mr Bevis Hillier. The Lord Chancellor was among those present.

English-Speaking Union
Sir Philip Adams, chairman, current affairs committee English-Speaking Union, was host at a dinner given at Dartmouth House last night in honour of Dr David Abshire, chairman, Centre for Strategic and International Studies, Georgetown University, Washington. Those present included:
The High Commissioner for Zambia and Mrs Zuze, Lord Lever of Manchester, Lord Peart, Lord Stewart of Fulham, Sir Patrick Dean, Sir Frank Roberts, Mr Frederick Bleasdale, Mr Robert Davey, Mr Joseph Godson, Mr David Griffiths, Mr Peter Robbs, Mr John Walker and Mr Alan Lee Williams.

John Carpenter Club
The Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs were present at the annual dinner of the John Carpenter Club (Old Citizens' Association) held at the Mansion House last night. Mr Brian Landers, president, was in the chair and other speakers were Mr Ian Cameron Black, Mr Ian Coombs, the Headmaster of the City of London School, Mr Basil Jackson, and the Lord Mayor.

Service dinners

Royal Horse Artillery
Officers past and present of 7th Regiment Royal Horse Artillery and Airbourne Artillery were present at the annual reunion dinner held in the Royal Artillery Mess, Woolwich, last night. The Director, Royal Artillery, Major-General M. J. Tomlinson was guest of honour and Lieutenant-Colonel P. R. F. Landrey, RHA, was in the chair.

RE (Transportation)
The annual reunion dinner of the Royal Engineers (Transportation) was held yesterday at RE Headquarters Mess, Brompton Barracks, Chatham. Colonel G. L. Collard was in the chair assisted by Major-General J. C. Woollett, president. The principal guests were Lieutenant-Colonel C. P. Braithwaite, Brigadier G. B. Fawcus and Major T. D. B. McMillen.

RAF Supply Officers
The annual dinner of the RAF Supply Officers' Dinner Club was held last night at the Officers' Mess, RAF Hendon. Air Vice-Marshal D. I. O'Hara, president, attended. Group Captain P. J. Probyn was in the chair.

Services tomorrow: First Sunday in Lent

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: HC, 8; M, 10.30, Jubilate: Stanford in C, Archdeacon of London; 11.30 HC, Batten (The Short Service), Introit: Turn thy face from my sins (Attwood); E, 3.15, Magnificat and Nunc dimittis: Noble in B minor, A, Remember not, Lord, our offences (Purcell), Rector of St George's.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: HC, 8; M and S, 10.30, The Lamentation: (Bairstow) Turn thy face from my sins (Attwood), Canon Knapp-Fisher; Sung Eucharist 11.40, Missa Bol 'Amfitrit' altera (Lassus) E and S, 3.0, Service of Thanksgiving to mark the Centenary of the Royal College of Music, Archbishop of Canterbury; organ recital 6.5, E, 6.30, Rev. R. O. Jennings.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: HC 9; Cathedral Eucharist 11, Missa Sancti Dominici (Rubbra), A, To Thee O Lord (Rachmaninoff) Adoremus in aeternum (Allegri), Canon Landreth; Cathedral Evensong 3.30, The Southwark Service (Kellam) A, Wash me throughly (Wesley), Rev. R. Bain.

THE QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY (public welcomed): MP 11.15am, The Lamentations (Bairstow), The Litany (Tallis), A, Out of The Deep (Morley), Rev. L. Harman. 12.30, HC.

ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL, Greenwich (public welcomed): HC, 8.30 and 12. 11, Morning Service, Rev. J. A. G. Oliver, A, God so loved the world (Stainer).

GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks: M, 11, Rev. J. S. Westmuckett; HC, 12 noon, 6.30pm.

LINCOLN'S INN CHAPEL (public invited, entry via Lincoln's Inn Gateway): 11.30 Morning Prayer and Sermon, Rev. F. V. A. Boyse.

TOWER OF LONDON (public welcomed): HC, 9.15, M, 11, Ben Purcell, A, In Jejunio et fletu (Tallis), The Chaplain.

TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street (public welcomed): HC, 8.30; MP, 11.15, Benedicite Omnia Opera (Sumsion in B flat), Jubilate Deo Jackson in B, A, Call to remembrance. (Jonathan Battishill), The Master.

ST CLEMENT DANES (RAF Church) (public welcomed): HC, 8.30 and 12.15; 11, Morning Prayer, Benedicite: Sumsion in B flat, Benedictus 360 (Thalben-Ball), A, Wash me throughly (Wesley), Archdeacon of Hackney.

CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace (public welcomed): HC, 8.30; M, 11, Stanford in C, The Litany (Tallis 5 part setting), E, 30, (Purcell in G Minor), A, Jehovah quam multi sunt hostes (Purcell).

ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: Sung Eucharist 11 Rev. P Delaney

ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street: LM, 8 and 5.15, M 10.20, HM, 11 Missa Brevis (Palestrina) Rev. C J Somers-Edgar; Solemn Evensong & Benediction 6, Farrant in G minor, Rev. J W Holden

ALL SOULS, Langham Place: 11, Invitation Service, Rev. J Stott; 6.30, Rev. A Cornes.

GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street: HC, 8.15 Sung Eucharist, 11 Missa Papae Marcelli (Palestrina), Sancte Deus (Tallis) Rev. Dr A W Marks.

HOLY TRINITY, Brompton: HC 8; Sung HC 9; M 11 Rev. J Collins; E 8, 6.30 Rev. S Millar.

HOLY TRINITY WITH ALL SAINTS, Prince Consort Road, SW7: HC 8.30, 12.05 Choral Morning Prayer and Sermon 11.00, A, Tribulatio Proxima est: Rev Dr M Israel.

HOLY TRINITY, Sloane Street, (Sloane Sq Tube): HC 8.30, 10.30 Canon Roberts HC 12.10.

ST BARTHOLOMEWS-THE-GREAT PRIORY (AD 1123): HC, 9; M, 11 The Lamentation (Bairstow), A, Ave Verum (Byrd); E 6.30, Plainsong & FB (Ruffo & Nanini), A, This is my Commandment (Tallis), The Rector.

ST BRIDES, Fleet Street: HC, 8.30 11, Choral Matins and Eucharist (Rev. W Boulton) 6.30 Choral Evensong (Sermon in Music).

ST GEORGE'S Hanover Square: HC, 8.30; Sung Eucharist, 11 Missa a tre (Rubbra), A O Lord in Thy Wrath (Gibbons), The Rector.

ST JAME'S, Piccadilly: HC, 8.30; Sung Eucharist, 11.00, EP 6.

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS: Family Communion 9.45, Rev. F Stevens; Morning Service 11.15, Rev. C Hedley; Choral Evensong 4.15, Evening Service 6.30, Rev. L Newbigin

ST MARY ABBOTS, Kensington: HC, 8 and 12.30; Sung Eucharist, 9.30; M, 11.45; E, 6.30, Mr D Banks; M, 11.15, Rev I L Robson; E, 6.30, Rev M J Thompson.

ST MARY'S, Bourne Street: M, 8, 9.45, 7, HM, 11, Rev Dr B Horne: Mass "Western Wind" (Taverner), In Ieiunio et fletu (Tallis) Salvator mundi (Tallis), 6.15, ES B.

ST MARYLEBONE PARISH CHURCH: HC, 8 and 11; Rev C K Hamel Cooke, Mass in G minor (Vaughan Williams): "He shall give his angels charge over Thee" from "Elijah" (Mendelssohn), 6.30, Rev R Salenius.

ST MICHAEL'S, Chester Square: HC, 8.15 and 12.15; M, 11, Canon K de Berry; E, 6.30, Rev M D Hollingworth.

ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, Knightsbridge: HC, 8 and 9; Solemn Eucharist 11, Mass for five voices (Byrd), Fr H A Williams.

ST PAUL'S, Robert Adam Street: 11, Rev A Kirk; 6.30, Rev E Saunders.

ST SIMON ZELOTES, Chelsea: HC 8; MP, 11; EP, 6.30, Preb Parker.

ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road: LM, 8, 9; HM, 11, Missa Brevis (Gabrieli), Prebendary Herbert Moore; Stations of the Cross and B, 6.

ST VEDAST, Foster Lane: SM, 11, Canon ffrench-Beytagh, Plainsong Mass, Lent Prose.

ST COLUMBA'S (Church of Scotland) Pont Street: 11 and 6.30, Rev Dr J Fraser McLuskey.

CROWN COURT CHURCH (Church of Scotland) Russell Street, Covent Garden, WC2: 11.15 and 6.30, Rev J Miller Scott.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: M, 7, 8, 9, 10.30 (Sung), Missa brevis (Spence Lyons), The Lord is My Shepherd (Berkeley), Like as the hart (Howells), 12 noon, 5.30 and 7 pm, 3.30, Vespers, Benediction Magnificat octavi toni (Lassus) Christe, qui Lux es (R. Whyte).

THE ORATORY, SW7: HM11, Missa Quarti Toni (Victoria), LM 7, 8, 9, 10, 12.30, 4.30, 7; Vesp (Miserere mei, Victoria) 3.30.

ST ANSELM AND CECILIA, Kingsway: SM, 11, Missa in Dominicis Violaceis (de Rivera), O Domine Jesu Christe (Sweelinck).

ST PATRICK'S, Soho Square: SM, 6pm, Missa Quadragesimalis (Meinrad Spiess), Inter vestibulum et altare (Giacomo Perti).

CHURCH OF OUR LADY, St John's Wood: SM (Latin) 10.45, Missa in duplicibus minoribus II (Palestrina), Peccantem me Quotidie (Palestrina), Emendemus in melius (Byrd).

THE JESUIT CHURCH, Farm Street: 7.30, 8.30, 10, 11 (Sung Latin Mass), 12, 4.15, 6.15.

REGENT SQUARE PRESYTERIAN CHURCH: (United Reformed), Tavistock Place: 11 and 6.30, Dr C A Middleton.

ST JOHN'S WOOD UNITED REFORMED CHURCH (Presbyterian/Congregational), Lord's Roundabout, NW8: 11am Rev J Miller.

CENTAL HALL, Westminster: 11 and 6.30, Rev. Dr R John Tudor.

WEST LONDON MISSION, Hinde Street Methodist Church, W.1: 11, John Richardson; 6.30, Martin Forward.

CITY TEMPLE, Holborn Viaduct: EC: 11 and 6.30, Rev. Dr B Johanson.

WESTMINSTER CHAPEL, Buckingham Gate: 11 and 6.30, Rev Dr R T Kendall.

WESLEY'S CHAPEL, City Road: 11, The Rev. Dr R C Gibbins.

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No consensus on alternative to rates

RATE REFORM

The Government was fully convinced of the need for radical rating reform and even the abolition of domestic rates, Mr Giles Shaw, Under Secretary of State for the Environment, said in the Commons. He was replying to a debate on the Rating System (Abolition) Bill which was introduced by Sir Hugh Fraser (Stafford and Stone, C). The Bill, which was talked out, would have prevented local and water authorities from levying rates.

Mr Shaw said no decision on rating reform would be taken before March 31, the end of the period for consultation on the Govenment's green paper on the subject. There appeared to be no concensus on what should replace rates, he said.

Sir Hugh Fraser, moving the second reading, said his proposals were far more radical and controversial than anything put forward in the recent Government green paper. Domestic rates had become particularly controversial as spending had increased in times of high inflation. For industry and commerce, who enjoyed no general rate abatement, the problem was even harsher, with rates becoming for them a far heavier impost than the whole of corporation tax, and in several industries exceeding profits.

The task of raising the £30,000m that local government now spent was huge. When local government was reorganized between 1972 and 1974, the basic reorganization of finance in an age of inflation was never properly considered. The daily battle of attrition between central and local government had grown in intensity with the bemused bodies of taxpayers and ratepayers both on the losing side.

Central government had to protect ratepayers suffering undue taxation from the vagaries, extravagance and follies of local government — the public affluence of new town halls in seas of private squalor; leisure activity directors with salary increases of £11,000 in 18 months; and rate jumps of 66 per cent.

Central government kept throwing enormous economic burdens at local government without adequate finance. Parliament must no longer thrust onto local government costs which should be met by the Exchequer, or extravagances which should not be allowed at all. There should be a standard accounting system so that local authorities could be compared, and there should be an audit commission.

Local taxation must be broadened so that more who benefited contributed. Local authorities could raise more funds through fees and other charges and reduce their own expenditure by privatization as had been in Southend and other boroughs. They should be set free from statutory controls in education, policy and resources, social services, police, records and museums, fire, planning and probation, which could raise considerable sums.

Fraser: Ownership not occupation

Anyone who benefited from local authority services should pay the full domestic rate. Crown properties, nationalized industries, charities, clubs, associations and other voluntary organizations, and farm buildings should all be subject to the valuation office.

The tax base must be broadened. A limited sales tax or a limited poll tax were the best and quickest starters. Putting a poll tax at around £50 per head per annum and allowing for supplementary benefit and the rest, the sum which could be raised would be about £1,500m.

There should be a Crown rent on all land, publicly or privately owned. Some trusts, pension funds, urban property owners and municipalities had become as rich and powerful as the medieval church.

As a capitalist (he said) for me the time has perhaps come for a new dissolution of these orders, or monasteries, a shake-up of the system, a wider spread of property, the true foundations of a property-owning democracy.

This could not be done at one stroke; he did not call for panic action. Ownership, not occupation, nor buildings, nor improvements should be the main basis of property taxation.

Mr William Pitt (Croydon, North-West, L) said a local taxation system must be practical, fair and cheap. Above all, it must foster accountability to its electors and taxpayers. Finances for local requirements should be drawn as far as was practicable from the local people themselves.

The Liberal Party proposed a return to local authorities of the fixed proportion of the revenue from income tax, redistributed in accordance with needs — a local income tax.

Mr John Cartwright (Greenwich, Woolwich, East, SDP) said a local income tax was the only new source of local taxation worthy of further consideration, but there was no one replacement that could sweep away all the existing rating system.

Mr Anthony Grant (Harrow, Central, C) said the long suffering ratepayer was not prepared to go on with the present system for ever. In an ideal democracy irresponsibility by a local authority was punished at the local election, but the absurd situation had almost been reached, certainly in parts of London, where those who paid rates had no vote and those who voted did not pay rates. This made local democracy an empty shell.

Mr Edward Graham, an Opposition spokesman on the environment (Enfield, Edmonton, Lab), said the present rating system might have few friends either in the House or the country at large, but it had a number of features which people might regret losing under some other system.

The Opposition would look on a reform of the present rating system as part of a major restructuring of the total taxation system, which would involve a greater progression in income tax rates, the introduction of a wealth tax, changes in company taxation and a constant and unremitting battle against tax avoidance and evasion.

Mr Giles Shaw, Under-Secretary of State for the Environment, said the present level of the impost which the rating system had delivered upon the ratepayers was such that it required urgent examination and, he hoped, reform.

The Government was fully convinced of the need for radical reform, including if necessary the abolition of domestic rating altogether. The recent green paper was an important step forward in the process of discharging the Conservatives' long-term commitment to reform domestic rates. The green paper did not lay claim to the final word on the subject. It offered a range of options.

There was no truth in suggestions which had appeared recently in the press that the Government had decided before the consultation period on the green paper had even come to a close that there would be no radical reform. The Government had not reached any conclusions and would not do so until after March 31, the closing date for comments.

In introducing his Bill and pressing the Government to fulfil its commitment to reform Sir Hugh Fraser was pushing at an open door, but for the moment there appeared to be no consensus about the direction which reform should take. Although there was a clear consensus that reform was desirable, where to go from there was infinitely more debatable.

The Bill was not acceptable to the Government which did not yet have the information it needed to decide what the new system of revenue should be.

☐ Mr Michael Cox, Opposition chief whip, complained to the Speaker about remarks made last night by Mr Nicholas Edwards, Secretary of State for Wales, and reported in *Hansard* today. The report showed that Mr Edwards said that he expected that Mr Alec Jones, the Opposition spokesman, had been drinking. He (Mr Cox) hoped that the Government would find an early opportunity to restore Mr Jones's reputation.

The Speaker (Mr George Thomas) said that last night there had been a loud conversation between the two men which was not addressed to the whole House. It was a private conversation, although he was sure that an opportunity would be taken to put the matter right.

Delayed chess games played

The last two adjourned games in the finals of the Western European Zonal tournament at Marbella, Spain, were played off on Thursday. The results were as expected, Van der Wiel beating Rivas and Rivas beating Hebden (Harry Golombek writes).

The scores at the end of the fourth round, just over half-way through, are: Mestel (England) 3; Nunn (England); Rivas (Spain) and Van der Weil (Netherlands) 2½; Ligterink (Netherlands) and Stean (England) 2; Short (England) 1 and Hebden (England) ½.

Correction

In yesterday's report of the Trial of the Pyx, Master John Ritchie, the Queen's Remembrancer, should have been quoted as wondering "when and at whose suggestion a new representation of the sovereign should appear", not "representative" as stated.

Munnings sold for £146,467

A painting by Sir Alfred Munnings, "The Newmarket Start", was sold at Sotheby's New York on Thursday to a European buyer for £146,467 ($269,500), a figure that well exceeded its estimate.

The second highest price of the sale was paid for Jean Francois Millet's "La Parteuse d'Eau", which made £68,750 ($126,500).

University news

Wales
Grants
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE: Medical Research Council: Medical Research Council: £46,491 to Dr M F Scanlon (Department of Medicine) for research into thyroud hormone and neurotransmitter control of somatostatin (GHRIH) synthesis and release by hypothalamic neurons.
Arthritis and Rheumatism Council: £112, 865 to Dr B D Williams (Department of Medicine) for studies on the pathogenesis of the rheumatic diseases and to evaluate the significance of abnormalities in hepatic and splenic reticuloendothelial.

Saturday Review

Les Edwards

The miracle of Fish Lake

By Brian Aldiss

"Suppose," Brian Aldiss writes, "that Earth took not a year of 365 days to complete its orbit of the sun, but a much longer time; suppose it took, to be precise, the equivalent of 2,592 years — would not almost everything we know be transformed?"

In Aldiss's new novel, Helliconia Spring, the planet of Helliconia is minutely observed by Earth Observation Station, in which a young boy called Yuli founds a city called Oldorando. His descendants, while coping with great climactic changes, build up a civilization of a kind and beat off attacks from the phagors, Oldorando's original inhabitants — two-legged half-beasties of bovine descent with long white hair, horns and gruesome yellow blood. The action takes place over centuries.

Mankind and the phagors are enemies, yet co-dependent. The humans can take the heat, and the thick-coated phagors the intense cold. The Great Year of 2592 years is a kind of mirror, each rival species dominating in turn.

What happens when that a-human race, the phagors, competes for supremacy with humanity? How is that competition resolved when nature requires both species to survive if either is to do so? In this extract, the humans, led by Aoz Roon, Shal Tay and Laintal Ay, rout the phagors — with the help of a "miracle".

Characters and terms

in order of appearance

Freyr-dawn Freyr and Batalix are the two stars around which Helliconia orbits in a binary system
Aoz Roon the empire-builder who rules Oldorando
Shal Tay an early feminist who founds an "academy of learning"
Dol Sakil Aoz Roon's woman
Eline Tal Shay Tal's maid
Laintal Ay a descendant of Yuli's who represents gentleness and humanity
Borlienians neighbouring human nation — the enemy across the river
Tanth Ein Aoz Roon's lieutenant
Wutra god of the skies
Ancipitals phagors (the species with two sharp edges - from their two-edged horns)
Kaidaws yak-like but fast steeds
harneys brains
gillots adult female phagor
Vry an apprentice sorceress
Amin Lim attendant of Vry
stalluns adult male phagors
Oyre daughter of Aoz Roon
Dathka silent friend of Laintal Ay

Next Freydawn, the town was aroused by Aoz Roon's angry shouting. The women, scuffling into their boots to go to work, listened in dismay, and woke their menfolk. Aoz Roon was taking a leaf from Shay Tal's book.

"Out you come, damn you all! You're going to fight the phagors today, every one of you! I set my resolve against your idleness. Rise, rise, all of you, get up and fight. If phagors are to be found, then phagors you will fight. I fought them single-handed, you scum can fight them together. This will be a great day in history, you hear me, a great day, even if you all die!"

As the dawn clouds scudded bleakly overhead, his great figure in its black furs stood on top of the tower, fist waving. With his other hand, Aoz Roon clutched a struggling Dol Sakil, who fought and yelled to get out of the cold. Eline Tal loomed behind them, grinning feebly.

"Yes, we'll slay the milk-struck phagors according to the women's plan — you hear that, you idle quemes of the academy? — we'll fight according to the women's plan, for good or ill — carry it out to the letter. By the original boulder, we'll see what happens today, we'll see whether or not Shay Tal talks sense, we'll see what her prophecies are worth!"

A few figures were emerging in the lane, clattering through the thin ice, staring up at their lord. Many clutched each other timidly, but old Rol Sakil, mother of Dol, cackled and said, "He must be well developed, yelling like that — that's what our Dol said he was. Bawls like a bull!"

He came to the edge of the parapet and glared down at them, dragging Dol with him, still shouting. "Yes, we'll see what her words are worth, we'll test her. We'll test Shay Tal in battle, since you all seem to think so much of her. Do you hear me, Shay Tal? We'll make or break today, and blood shall flow, red or yellow."

He spat down at them, and then withdrew. The trapdoor slammed after him as he climbed back into his tower.

When they had eaten some black bread, everyone set forth, urged on by the hunters. All were subdued, even Aoz Roon. His storm of words had blown itself out. They proceeded in a southeasterly direction. The weather remained below freezing. The day was still, the suns were lost in cloud. The ground was hard and ice crackled underfoot.

Shay Tal went with them, keeping in with the women, her mouth pursed, her skins swinging about her thin body.

Progress was slow, for the women were unaccustomed to walking distances that meant nothing to the men. They came at length to the broken plain from which Laintal Ay's hunting party had sighted the Borlienians only two days before the Voral flooded. Here lay the series of ridges with shallow flood lakes between, glinting like stranded fish. Here the ambush could be set up. The cold would bring out phagors, if there were any. Batalix had set, unseen.

They went down into the plain; men first, the women following, in confused groups. All were apprehensive under the hard sky.

By the edge of the first flood lake, the women halted, looking at Shay Tal in none too friendly a fashion. They realized the danger of their position, should any phagors arrive — particularly if they came mounted. No amount of anxious glancing about could reassure them on that score, for the ridges restricted their view.

They were exposed to danger and the elements. The temperature remained two or three degrees below freezing. Quiet reigned; the air was hard. The shallow lake lay silent before them. It was some forty metres wide by one hundred metres long, occupying the hollow between two ridges with its unwelcoming expanse. Its waters were motionless but still unfrozen, reflecting the sky without a ripple. Its sullen appearance increased a certain supernatural fear which fell upon the women as they watched the hunters disappear over the ridge. Even the grass at their feet, crisped by frost, seemed under a curse, and no birds cried.

The men were unhappy about having their womenfolk nearby. They stood in a neighbouring depression, by another lake, and complained about their leader.

"We've seen no sign of phagors." Tanth Ein said, blowing on his nails. "Let's turn back. Supposing they destroyed Oldorando while we were away? A fine thing that would be."



John Fowles has described Brian Aldiss's new novel, Helliconia Spring (part one of the Helliconia trilogy) as "the beginning of a marvellous journey to another world — a remarkable feat of the imagination". Already comparisons have been made with Tolkien's Lord of the Rings cycle.

Aldiss made his reputation with two outspoken and best-selling novels, The Hand-Reared Boy and A Soldier Erect. But he is best known as one of our most innovative science fiction writers. In working out how people would survive on Helliconia, and what the flora and fauna would be like, he consulted scientists; Iain Nicolson on astronomy, Dr Peter Cattermole on biology, Dr Desmond Morris on biology. The novel reveals a new solar system — and a world disturbingly analogous to our own.

The cloud of breath about their heads united them as they leaned on their spears and looked accusingly at Aoz Roon. The latter paced about, keeping himself separate from them, his expression black.

"Turn back? You talk like women. We came to fight, and fight we will, even if we throw our lives to Wutra while we do so. If there are phagors near, I'll summon them. Stand where you are."

He went at a run to the top of the ridge behind him, so that the women were again within his view, intending to shout at the top of his voice and awaken all the echoes in the wilderness.

But the enemy was already in view. Now, too late, he understood why they had seen no more wandering Borlienians; they had been driven off. He stood paralysed before the sight of humanity's ancient enemy.

The women straggled at one end of the fish-shaped lake, the ancipitals grouped at the other. The women made frightened and uncertain movements; the ancipitals were motionless. Even in their surprise, the women responded individually; the phagors could only be seen as a group.

It was impossible to make out the number of the enemy. They merged together with the late afternoon mists filling the hollow, and with the scarred greys and blues of the scene. One of them gave a thick protracted cough; otherwise they might have been lifeless.

Their white birds had settled on a ridge behind them, at first with some jostling, now spaced out regularly, with heads submissively on one side, like the souls of those departed.

From their frosty outline, it could be determined that three of the phagors — presumably the leaders — were mounted on kaidaws. They sat, as was their habit, leaning forward with their heads close to their mounts' heads, as if communion was in progress. The foot phagors clustered against the flanks of the kaidaws, shoulders hunched. Nearby boulders were not more still.

The cougher coughed again. Aoz Roon threw off his spell and called to his men.

They climbed along the crest of the ridge, to stare at the enemy in dismay.

In response, the phagors made a sudden move. Their strangely jointed limbs geared themselves from immobility to action with no intermediate stage. The shallow lake had checked their advance. They had a well-known aversion to water, but times were changing; their harneys said "Forward." The sight of thirty human gillots at their mercy decided them. They charged.

One of the three mounted brutes swung a sword above his head. With a churring cry, he kicked his kaidaw, and mount and rider burst forward. The other brutes followed as one, whether mounted or running. Forward they dashed — into the waters of the shallow lake.

Panic scattered the women. Now that their adversity was almost on them, they ran hither and thither between the ridges. Some climbed one side, some the other, making small sharp noises of despair, like birds in distress.

Only Shay Tal remained where she was, facing the charge, and Vry and Amin Lim clung to her in terror, hiding their faces.

"Run, you fool woman!" bellowed Aoz Roon, coming down the ridge at a run.

Shay Tal did not hear his voice above the shrieks and the furious splashing. She stood firm at the end of the fish lake and flung out her arm, as if gesturing to the phagor horde to halt.

Then the transformation. Then the moment that ever after in the annals of Oldorando would be referred to as the miracle of Fish Lake.

Some claimed later that a shrilling note rang through the frosty air, some said a high voice spoke, some vowed Wutra struck.

The whole group of marauders, sixteen in number, had entered the lake, led by the three mounted stalluns. Their rage drove them into the alien element, they were thigh deep in it, churning it up with the fury of their charge, when the entire lake froze.

One moment it was an absolutely still liquid, lying, because undisturbed, unfrozen at three degrees below freezing point. The next moment, disturbed, it became solid. Kaidaws and phagors all were locked in its embrace. One kaidaw fell, never to rise again. The others froze where they were, and their riders froze with them, hemmed in ice. The stalluns behind, brandishing their arms — all were trapped, held in the grip of the element they had invaded. None took as much as one further step. None could fight free to gain the safety of the shore. Soon, their veins froze within their bodies, despite the ancient biochemistries that coloured their bloodstream and protected it from the cold. Their coarse white coats became further sheathed in rime, their glaring eyes frosted over.

What was organic became one with the great inorganic world that ruled.

The tableau of furious death was absolute, carved from ice. Above it, white birds wheeled and dipped, crying with gaping beaks, finally making off to the east in desolate flight.

Next morning, three people rose up early from a skin bivouac. Powdery snow had fallen during the night, giving the wilderness a peppery appearance. Freyr ascended from the horizon, casting watery purple shadows over the plain. Several minutes later, the second faithful sentinel also struggled free into Wutra's realm.

By then Aoz Roon, Laintal Ay, and Oyre were on their feet, beating and stamping circulation into their limbs. They coughed but were otherwise silent. After looking at each other without speaking, they moved forward. Aoz Roon stepped out onto the lake of ice, which rang beneath his tread.

The three of them walked across to the frozen tableau.

They stared at it almost in disbelief. Before them was a monumental piece of statuary, fine in detail, wild in imagining. One kaidaw was almost under the hoofs of the other two, the greater part of its bulk submerged by brittle waves, its head rearing up in fear, its nostrils distended. Its rider struggled for control, half fallen from its back, terrible in immobility.

All the figures were caught in mid-action, many with weapons raised, eyes staring ahead to the shore they would never reach. All were encased in rime. They formed a monument to brutality.

Finally, Aoz Roon nodded and spoke. His voice was subdued.

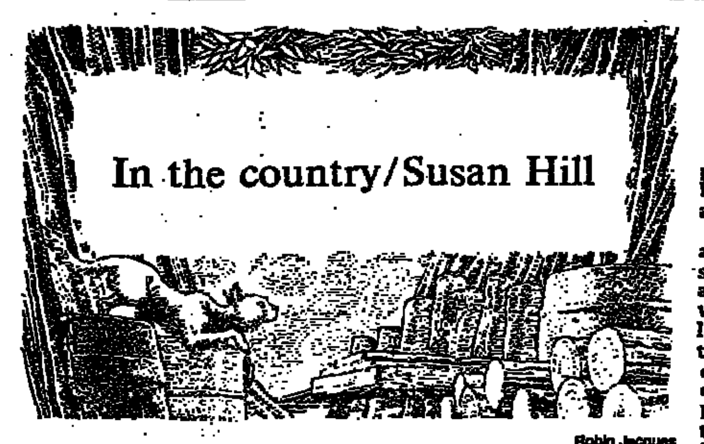
"It did happen. Now I believe. Let's get back."

The miracle of Year 24 was confirmed.

He had sent the rest of the party back to Oldorando the previous evening, under Dathka's leadership. Only after he had slept could he believe he did not dream the incident.

Nobody else said anything. They had been saved by a miracle; the thought dazed their minds, silenced their tongues. They trudged away from the alarming sculpture without another word.

Once they were back in Oldorando, Aoz Roon ordered one of his slaves to be taken by two hunters to Fish Lake, to the site of the miracle. When the slave had seen the tableau with his own eyes, his hands were lashed behind his back, he was faced towards the south, and booted on his way. Back in Borlien, he would tell his fellows that a powerful sorceress watched over Oldorando.



Robin Jacques

Mr Ash, the woodman

If you want anything in Barley you go to see Nance and George; between them they can find anyone who does anything, or sells it or sometimes has a bit of this to exchange for a bit of that. They know everyone in the village and for miles around, they relay advice, information and news.

Nancy runs her family and the village shop and delivers meals-on-wheels and is the Secretary of the W.I., George is caretaker of the village hall, a spare-time carpenter and handyman, a keeper of ferrets, shooter of pigeons and crows. He knows where and when you can get bales of straw, second-hand chicken wire, sloes, day-old bantams and green walnuts, retriever puppies, marrow plants and well-rotted manure. He has helped us out of trouble with our septic-tank overflow and a jackdaw-blocked chimney, got us a cheap garden shed and wrung the necks of sick hens. George is very tall and very thin, Nance is tiny, brittle-looking as a sparrow. I have never seen either of them sitting down.

They have a stream running through the bottom of their garden, and, in spite of the ferrets, they rear orphaned leverets and ducklings and injured tawny owls. There is generally a makeshift cage or wire-run about the place, and a notice on garage or shed door saying "Do not open".

I like to go and see them, they are good people to be with. And so, naturally, when I needed to locate a regular supply of wood for the stove, I went to ask them. "Man you want", George said, "is Amos Ash." He pointed. "Green bungalow, beyond High Halt." Right. I reached the gate. "Only trouble is," he threw over his shoulder, "he'll not answer his door."

High Halt lies at the top of the ridge that runs above Barley for seven miles and overlooks all the villages of the Fen, and beyond. You go past the pond and then up a steep slope between overhanging trees, along a track which is a good place for blackberries in autumn and elderberries in June, and where the ground is deeply scored with the marks of horseshoes, for the ridge is a glorious place to ride over. Over a stile, and then, abruptly, you are out on top.

This was a perfect day for being up there, the sky clear and cloudless, so that I could see for miles on all sides. The wind made a high, keening sound. On either side of the ridge itself are open fields, unfenced and at this time of year either ploughed or left to grass. Flocks of plovers were feeding and I saw several pheasants scurry for cover.

I walked past the farm. No sign of a bungalow. So I went back and asked a man mending a post. He nodded down the slope to a copse lying low behind the farm paddock. I was a few yards on when he whistled. "Doesn't answer his door."

I went along a scruffy path towards an ugly, green-roofed, pebble-dashed bungalow set in a clearing just in front of the copse, the sort of house that was built just before planning permission, building regulations and green belt conservation got stricter. In front and on two sides was a sort of yard. Old water butts and oil drums and piles of assorted stakes, poles and logs, were littered about. Thin cats streaked away in all directions, and flattened themselves under doors. The net curtains at the windows were yellow, the paintwork flaking. A dog began to howl, and hurl itself at some closed doors.

I knocked once, hurriedly, and when no one came, scribbled my name and address on an old envelope with "Please contact about logs", and pushed it through the letter flap. A snarl on the other side, a body hit the door, and my note disappeared. I ran, determined that I would look elsewhere for my wood supplies.

For two weeks we used anthracite on the stove and I hated it, hated the smell. the smuts, the nasty black piles of the stuff filling the store house. Then, one afternoon, the doorbell rang.

"Ash," he said. He wore a cap with the peak at the back of his head, and a raincoat with a piece of knotted string for a belt. String tied up his trousers at the knees. He was small and his face was the colour and texture of dried-out bark. At the top of the steps was a wooden hand-cart with long handles. I began to explain that we had a greedy stove and would need lorry-loads of logs. He gave me a pitying look. "Wants to sample, doesn't you?"

"Well, yes. . . ."

"Let's have a look at 'em." He came inside, opened the top of the stove, blew inside it, banged down the lid. Went outside again, glanced up at the chimney. Nodded. "You don't want nothing green. Tar," he said, "Seven and six," and then another, "Birch," he said, "nine bob," and then a third, "Apple," he said, "and them's for your hearth, you don't waste apple on that stove. Nine bob."

It is astonishing how completely I have forgotten the l.s.d. system. Seven and sixpence? Nine bob? I don't know how Mr Ash goes on with his shopping for he will have nothing whatsoever to do with the decimal system, and I have a struggle when he leaves the bit of old cigarette packet in the letter box that reads, "Wood £11 17/6."

He comes on alternate Mondays in winter, starting and stopping the deliveries when he himself decides, in accordance with the weather. He drops the logs into the shed, pushes his account through the door, closes the gate. He rarely speaks and his cap is always backwards. I thought he had a low opinion of us and our over-fed, hearth-rug cats. But at Christmas there was a gift, a great cherry log, with a sprig of holly stuck into the bark, left outside the back door. It burned evenly and steadily, as sweetly as the most fragrant pipe tobacco, scenting the whole house, and I was secretly pleased to discover from George and Nance that Mr Ash only hands out those to a few, favoured customers.

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ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL

Today 27 Feb. 7.30 p.m.	SATURDAY SPRING CLASSICS Royal Philharmonic Orchestra James Judd (cond) John Ogdon (pno) Elgar Enigma Variations; Tchaikovsky Piano Conc No 1; Mussorgsky/Ravel Pictures at an Exhibition. Pl. note starting time. £3.70, £4.40, £5, £6, £7 (ONLY) RFH
Sunday 28 Feb. 7.30 p.m.	PHILHARMONIA ORCHESTRA Jacek Kasprzyck (cond) (please note change) Stravinsky Apollon Musagete; Mahler Symphony No 1. £5, £4, £5, £6, £7 (ONLY) Philharmonia Ltd.
Monday 1 March 8.00 p.m.	OSLO PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA Mariss Jansons (conductor) Arve Tellefsen (violin) Grieg Suite, Peer Gynt; Sibelius Violin Concerto; Berlioz Symphonie Fantastique. £2.00, £3.00, £4.00, £5.00, £6.00, £7.00 Harold Holt Ltd.
2 March 8.00 p.m. and 4 March 8.00 p.m.	LONDON PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA London Philharmonic Choir Sir Georg Solti (cond) Isobel Buchanan (sop) Thomas Allen (bar) Brahms Variations on the St. Anthony Chorale; Ein Deutsches Requiem. £3.00, £4.00, £5.00, £6.00, £7.00 (ONLY) LPO Ltd.
Wednesday 3 March 8.00 p.m.	MUSIC OF EIGHT DECADES BBC Symphony Orchestra Karlheinz Stockhausen (cond) Susan Landale Elizabeth Clarke Alain Louafi Messiaen L'Ascension: Quatre méditations symphoniques; Stockhausen Inori. £3, £4, £5, £6, £7 (ONLY) BBC/LOCB
Friday 5 March 7.00 p.m.	RFH Waterloo Room COULL STRING QUARTET preceded by Hans Keller who will give a 45 minute introductory talk. Rubbra Quartet No. 1; Christopher Brown Quartet No 2 (1st Lond. perf); Walton Quartet. £2.00 unreserved Park Lane Group
Sunday 7 March 3.15 p.m.	EMIL GILELS (piano) Beethoven Sonata, Op. 10 No. 3; 15 Variations and Fugue on a theme of Prometheus, Op. 35; Sonatina in G, Op. 79; Sonata, Op. 81a (Les Adieux); Sonata in E minor, Op. 90. £1.80, £2.70, £3.60, £4.60, £5.50, £6.50 Ibbs & Tillett
Sunday 7 March 7.30 p.m.	ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA George Cleve (conductor) Nathan Milstein (violin) Mozart Ov. Don Giovanni; Brahms Symphony No. 3; Beethoven Violin Concerto. £2, £3.20, £4.50, £5.70, £7, £8 RPO Ltd.
Monday 8 March 6.55 p.m.	CONCERT PLATFORM 8 (Waterloo Room) Dr Robert Simpson will speak about Bruckner's Symphony No. 7 to be performed by the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra later in the evening. After the talk the speaker will invite the audience to hold informal discussion with him. £1 RFH
Monday 8 March 8.00 p.m.	VIENNA PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA Eugen Jochum (conductor) Mozart Symphony No. 33; Bruckner Symphony No. 7. £12, £15, £18, £21 (ONLY) Anglo-Austrian A concert in The Royal Insurance Great Orchestras of the World Series.
Tuesday 9 March 8.00 p.m.	PHILHARMONIA ORCHESTRA Kurt Sanderling (conductor) Schubert Symphony No. 8 (Unfinished) Shostakovich Symphony No. 5 £2, £3, £4, £5, £6, £7 Philharmonia Ltd.
Wednesday 10 March 5.55 p.m.	ORGAN SPECTRUM Karel Paukert (organ) Music from Prague and Paris Prog incl: Cernohorsky Toccata in C; Fugue in A minor; Kuchar Fantasia in G minor; Wiedermann Toccata and Fugue in F minor. £1.50 unreserved Royal Festival Hall
Wednesday 10 March 8.00 p.m.	LONDON MOZART PLAYERS Harry Blech (cond) Paul Tortelier (clo) Mozart Symphony No. 34 in C; Haydn Cello Concerto No. 2 in D; Tchaikovsky Variations on a Rococo Theme; Prokofiev Symphony No. 1. £1.80, £2.60, £3.40, £4.30, £5, £6 Haydn-Mozart Society
Thursday 11 March 8.00 p.m.	PHILHARMONIA ORCHESTRA Kurt Sanderling (conductor) Alfred Brendel (piano) Beethoven Ov. Egmont; Liszt Piano Concerto No. 2; Schubert Symphony No. 9 (Great). £2.50, £3.50, £4.50, £5.50, £6.50 Philharmonia
Friday 12 March 8.00 p.m.	LONDON PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA E. Leinsdorf (conductor) C. Ortiz (piano) Mozart Eine kleine Nachtmusik; Concert Rondo for piano & orchestra, K.382; Stravinsky Capriccio for piano & orchestra; Excerpts, The Firebird. £2, £3, £4, £5, £6, £7 LPO Ltd.

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Today 27 Feb. 7.45 p.m.	CITY OF LONDON CHOIR London Bach Orchestra Donald Cashmore (cond) Janet Price Mary King David Johnston Graham Titus Haydn Harmoniemesse; Hoddinott The Tree of Life (1st London performance). £2.00, £3.00, £3.25, £3.75, £4.50 City of London Choir
Sunday 28 Feb 3.00 p.m.	BRANDIS QUARTET OF BERLIN Debussy Quartet in G minor, Op. 10; Haydn Quartet in D, Op. 20 No 4; Schubert Quartet in D minor, D.810 (Death and the Maiden). £1.60, £2.50, £3.30, £4.20, £5.00 Ibbs & Tillett Ltd.
Sunday 28 Feb. 7.15 p.m.	THE ACADEMY OF ANCIENT MUSIC Christopher Hogwood (director) David Thomas (bass) Mozart Symphony No. 40; Aria, Mentre ti lascio; Symphony No. 41 (Jupiter). £1.50, £2.00, £2.50, £3.50, £4.50 Jane Gray
Monday 1 March 7.45 p.m.	GERAINT JONES ORCHESTRA Geraint Jones (conductor) Winifred Roberts (violin) Neil Black (oboe) Vivaldi The Four Seasons; Conc in B flat for oboe, violin and strings; Albinoni Oboe Concerto in D minor, Op. 9/2. £2.00, £3.00, £4.00, £5.00 Kirckman Concert Society Ltd
Tuesday 2 March 7.45 p.m.	CLEVELAND QUARTET Beethoven Quartet in B flat, Op 18 No. 6; Bartók Quartet No. 4; Brahms Quartet in A minor, Op. 51 No. 2. £1.50, £2.00, £2.50, £3.00, £3.50 Ingpen & Williams Ltd.
Thursday 4 March 7.45 p.m.	ALLEGRI STRING QUARTET Beethoven Cycle Beethoven Quartet in D, Op. 18 No. 3; Quartet in E minor, Op 59 No. 2 (Rasumovsky); Quartet in F, Op. 135. £1.00, £1.80, £2.70, £3.60, £4.50 Van Walsum Management
Friday 5 March 7.45 p.m.	LONDON BACH ORCHESTRA Philip Ledger (dir/harpsichord) Handel Conc Gr, Op. 6/12; Bach Harpsichord Conc, BWV. 1055; Conc for violin and oboe, BWV. 1060; Vivaldi Mandolin Conc in C; Conc in G for two mandolins. £3.90, £4.40, £5 (ONLY) LBO Ltd.
Saturday 6 March 7.45 p.m.	CHRIS BARBER and his Jazz and Blues Band. £2, £3, £3.50, £4 Raymond Gubbay Ltd.
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Sunday 7 March 7.15 p.m.	LONDON CONCERT ORCHESTRA Marcus Dods (conductor) Tchaikovsky Evening Sleeping Beauty Waltz; Swan Lake Suite; Nutcracker Suite; Waltz from Serenade for Strings; Cossack Dance, Mazeppa; etc. £2.75, £3.75, £4.50, £5 Raymond Gubbay Ltd.
Monday 8 March 7.45 p.m.	ERNEST READ SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Terence Lovett (conductor) Peter Donohoe (piano) Gabrieli Sonata pian'e forte; Beethoven Three Equali; Piano Concerto No. 4; Symphony No. 3 (Eroica). £1.90, £3 Ernest Read Music Association
Tuesday 9 March 7.45 p.m.	IDIL BIRET (piano) Schubert Sonata in F minor, D.625 (unfinished); Brahms Paganini Vars, Bks I & II; Liszt Exc from Années de Pèlerinage; Stravinsky 3 Dances from Petrushka. £1.50, £2.50, £3.50, £4.50 Ibbs & Tillett Ltd.
Wednesday 10 March 7.45 p.m.	ENGLISH BAROQUE CHOIR & ORCHESTRA Leon Lovett (cond) S. Chase J. Price P. Walker C. Metcalfe B. Rayner Cook Mozart Ov. Così fan tutte; Violin Concerto, K.219; Beethoven Mass in C. £2.50, £3.30, £4, £4.50, £5 English Baroque Choir
Thursday 11 March 7.45 p.m.	ALLEGRI STRING QUARTET Beethoven Cycle Beethoven Quartet in A, Op. 18 No. 5; Quartet in F minor, Op. 95; Quartet in C sharp minor, Op. 131. £1, £1.80, £2.70, £3.60, £4.50 Van Walsum Management

PURCELL ROOM

Today 27 Feb 7.30 p.m.	ENGLISH TASKIN PLAYERS Peter Lloyd (flute) Jonathan Snowdon (flute) Charles Tunnell (cello) Elizabeth Werry (harpsichord) Trios & duos by Telemann Haydn W. F. Bach Handel Cello Sonata; Arne Hpchd Sonata; C. P. E. Bach Flute Sonata. £2, £3 (ONLY) Jane Gray
Monday 1 March 7.30 p.m.	ULRIKE SCHAFER (cello) MICHAEL REEVES (piano) Beethoven Sonata in G minor, Op. 5/2; Schubert Arpeggione Sonata; Tchaikovsky Pezzo Capriccioso; Prokofiev Sonata, Op. 119. £1.50, £2 Erica Goddard
Tuesday 2 March 7.30 p.m.	LOUISE WILLIAMS (violin) SUSAN TOMES (piano) Stravinsky Suite Italienne; Bach Partita for solo violin, BWV.1002; Mozart Sonata, K.454; Prokofiev Sonata No. 1, Op. 80. £1.50, £2 Kirckman Concert Society Ltd.
Wednesday 3 March 6.00 p.m.	MUSIC OF EIGHT DECADES Karlheinz Stockhausen will talk about Inori which he conducts in tonight's concert given by the BBC Symphony Orchestra in the Royal Festival Hall. £1.50 BBC/London Orchestral Concert Board
Wednesday 3 March 7.30 p.m.	NICHOLAS WALKER (pno) BETH SPENDLOVE (vln) MICHAEL DUSSEK (pno) Handel Sonata, Op. 1/10; Beethoven Sonata, Op. 2/2; Prokofiev Sonata, Op. 115; Liszt Il lamento; Stravinsky 3 Dances from Petrushka; Poulenc Sonata. £1, £1.50, £2 Westmorland C/RAM
Thursday 4 March 7.30 p.m.	LONDON STRING ORCHESTRA James Maddocks (cond/vln) June Mills (oboe) Mozart Eine kleine Nachtmusik; Bach Conc, BWV.1060; Holst St Paul's Suite; Arensky Tchaikovsky Vars; Arnold Oboe Conc; Britten Simple Symphony. £1.50, £2.25, £3 Concordia Enterprises
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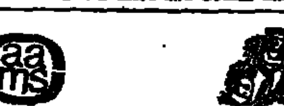
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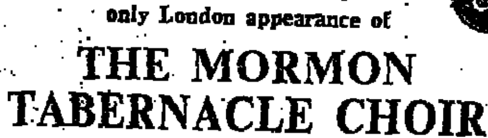
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Tomorrow 28 Feb 7.30 pm	ORCHESTRA OF ST JOHN'S SMITH SQUARE. Schubert Series 1. John Lubbock cond. Bernard d'Ascoli piano. Schubert: Overture & incidental music, "Rosamunde"; Symphony No. 8 (Unfinished). Mozart: Piano Concerto in A, K488. 5 concerts for price of 3: £4.50, £7.50, £10.50, £13.50 (singles available).
Thursday 4 March 1.15 pm	Lunchtime recital in the Crypt THOMAS MARTIN, double bass. RICHARD BALCOMBE, piano. J. S. Bach: Sonata 2 for viola da gamba. Sperger: Sonata in E. Simandl: Notturno. Bottesini: Fantasia "Beatrice di Tenda"; Grand Allegro di Concerto. £1 from 12.15. Friends of St. John's.
Monday 8 March 7.15 pm	MONTEVERDI CHOIR. English Baroque Soloists. John Eliot Gardiner, cond. Jennifer Smith, Gillian Fisher, Elisabeth Priday, Ashley Stafford, Martyn Hill, Stephen Varcoe. PURCELL: KING ARTHUR. £5, £4, £2. Monteverdi Choir and Orchestra
Wednesday 10 March 7.30 pm	LONDON MAGI ENSEMBLE. RICHARD BAKER, narrator. Saint-Saëns: Carnival of the Animals. Rachmaninov: Suite in C for two pianos. Schubert: Octet. £3.50, £3, £2.50, £2. Philip Bilson/Magenta Music
Thursday 11 March 7.30 pm	CHILINGIRIAN STRING QUARTET. Haydn: Quartet Op. 64 No. 6. Bartok: Quartet No. 2. Beethoven: Quartet in E flat Op. 127. £4.50, £3.50, £2 Holborn Law Society
Friday 12 March 7.30 pm	OXFORD UNIVERSITY ORCHESTRA. Adrian Brown, cond. Vaughan Williams: Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis. Pople: Hallucination (1st London perf.). Mahler: Symphony No. 5. £3.50, £3, £2.50, £2. Oxford University Orchestra

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Schubert: Sonata in G, D894.

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Stuart Bedford, conductor.
Elert Davies, harp.
Nicholas Daniel, oboe.
Lutoslawski: Double Concerto for oboe, harp, strings & percussion.
Mozart: Symphony No. 31 in D, K297 (Paris).

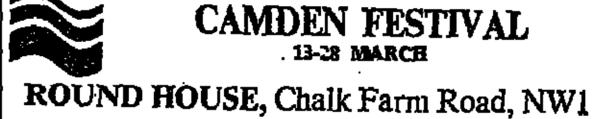
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26 March: Haydn G minor Op. 74/3, Mozart C K465.

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Tomorrow 28 Feb. 3.30 p.m.	GREGG NESTOR and FRIENDS £3, £2.50, £2, £1.50 Terry Slasberg Agency	Debussy: Petite Suite; Grainger: Country Garden Suite; Ravel: Tombeau de Couperin and guitar solos inc Willson: Suite, The Music Man.
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Monday 1 March 7.30 p.m.	ARIN KARAMURSEL piano £3, £2.50, £2, £1.50 Basil Douglas Ltd.	Haydn: Sonata No 24 in A HXVI 26; Rachmaninov: Variations on a theme by Corelli Op 42; Saygun: 5 Preludes (1st Lon. perf.); Mussorgsky: Pictures from an Exhibition.
Wednesday 3 March 7.30 p.m.	BELGRADE STRINGS Aleksandar Pavlovic cond. £3, £2.50, £2, £1.50 Helen Jennings Con Agy	Purcell: Suite from "The Fairy Queen"; Debussy: Danse sacrée et danse profane; Mendelssohn: Violin con.; Despic: Rech. and Passacaglia; Lutoslawski: Prelude & Fugue for 13 solo strings.
Thursday 4 March 7.30 p.m.	JOHN GREW harpsichord £3, £2.50, £2, £1.50 Basil Douglas Ltd.	D'Anglebert: Tombeau de M. de Chambonnières. Suite in F; Duphly: 2 pieces (3rd Book); Couperin: Ordre No 3; Rameau: 4 pieces.
Friday 6 March 7.30 p.m.	LUDMILLA ANDREW soprano GEOFFREY PARSONS piano £3, £2.50, £2, £1.50	Russian Song Recital. Programme includes songs by Tchaikovsky, Rachmaninov, Moussorgsky, Arensky, Medtner, Balakirev and Grechaninov. Russian Series
Saturday 6 March 3.30 p.m.	DANIEL SMITH bassoon MICHAEL MAY piano £3, £2.50, £2, £1.50	Demersseman: Intro. et Polonaise; Vaughan Williams: 6 Studies in English folksong; James Cohn: Sonata Robusta (1st perf) Mozart: Concerto K191; Elgar: Romance; Reicha: Variation. Choveaux Mgt.
Saturday 6 March 7.30 p.m.	DONG-SUK KANG violin GORDON BACK piano £3, £2.50, £2, £1.50	Stravinsky: Suite Italienne (from "Pulcinella"); Prokofiev: Sonata No. 2 in D; Cesar Franck: Sonata in A. Wigmore Master Concerts/John Wright.
Sunday 7 March 3.30 p.m.	BRYNJAR HOFF oboe £3, £2.50, £2, £1.50 Helen Jennings Concert Agy	John Stanley: Suite; Fongaard: Solo Sonata Op. 70/1; Madsen: Sonata Op 22; Ben-Haim: 3 Songs without words; Grieg: Ballade Op 24 for piano; Reizenstein: Sonatina.
Sunday 7 March 7.30 p.m.	RUBEN RIERA guitar £3, £2.50, £2, £1.50 Basil Douglas Ltd.	Brouwer: Simple Studies, Farabole; Bach: Suite No. 4 in E BWV1006a; Walton: 5 Bagatelles; Britten: Nocturnal Op 70. Two new pieces by John Duarte and Rodrigo Riera.
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Tuesday 9 March 7.30 p.m.	PHILIP PILKINGTON piano £3, £2.50, £2, £1.50	J. S. Bach: Chromatic Fantasia & Fugue in D minor, Partita No. 5 in G, 3 Preludes and Fugues; Haydn: Sonata No. 54 in G, Sonata No. 62 in E flat.
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In good times or bad, I find [it] helps to keep dancing (as fa[r] as you can), and in a manne[r] of speaking that is just what I have been up to of late. True, the Dance Theatre of Harlem has been doing all the dancing for me, but that is only to be expected in my condition. My point is, this wonderfully exciting ballet company has this effect on you: it makes audiences feel they are actually taking part in a celebration, a celebration of dance.

And quite suddenly, as the *New York Times* critic Anna Kisselgoff points out, this still young and very special company is on the threshold of another American success story. Dance Theatre of Harlem's five-week season at the City Center in New York has confirmed its unique and extraordinary range (from Petipa to jazz), while it has broken yet more new ground within its eclectic repertoire. If there were any doubts about it before, the troupe is now a vital creative force in American dance.

For the first time, Dance Theatre of Harlem has emphasized dance-dramas among its premieres *Equus*, *Streetcar Named Desire* — in an age when most leading companies prefer plotless ballets. At the same time, DTH has not abandoned its George Balanchine heritage. On the contrary, the classical and neo-classical work of its ensemble is among the most precise and disciplined of any company — far superior, in my view, to the ensemble of the American Ballet Theatre. Its performance this season of Balanchine's seminal Concerto Barocco could be equalled only by Balanchine's own New York City Ballet.

And that is now to be expected. Arthur Mitchell, who founded DTH with Karel Shock only 12 years ago, was for 20 years a leading member of Cityanlet, becoming the first black dancer to be internationally recognised for classical dance. Mitchell drew first from Balanchine and the black heritage of jazz and modern dance; Karel Shook, a graduate of the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo, added the Ballet Russe staging of *Scheherazade*, *Paquita*, and, a nice point, a one-act *Swan Lake* — the "white" act.

Dance Theatre of Harlem, begun for social reasons as a form of protest and crusade, has long since proved that blacks can perform classical dance. (It has also recently lost three of its stars to other companies, including Mel Tomlinson to City Ballet). Arthur Mitchell tells me it was during their successful season at Covent Garden last


A human X: (standing) Virg[i]l Smith, Stephanie Dabney; [...] Johnson

year that the battle f[or] acceptance (and self-assur[ance]) was in fact well and truly won.

Within its classical roots, the company's world premiere of *Firebird* by John Tarras is, above all, a terrific expression of showmanship and fun. But Fokine's 1910 ballet for Diaghilev re-choreographed many times since then by Balanchine and Bejart, among others owes little to its Russian past in this version. Geoffrey Holder's sets and costumes drip with sensuality.

There is nothing precious about the Harlem dancers. It is rare at the ballet, and most welcome, when audiences feel free to cheer and laugh, to openly enjoy themselves, as audiences did at *Firebird*. It has been said that the company's current rerpertoire lacks the contemporary masterpiece. Perhaps, but how many Jerome Robbins' are there?

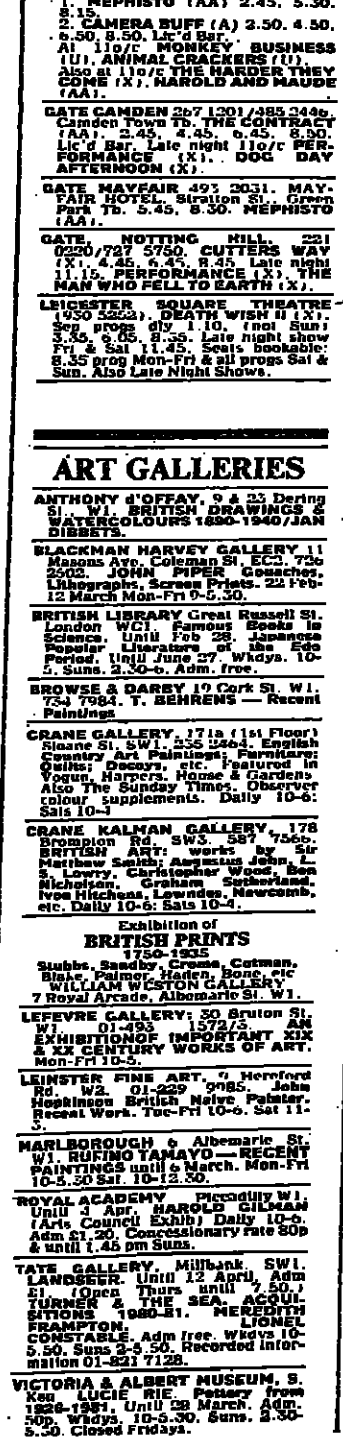
Mr Mitchell reminds us that he runs a *Dance Theatre*, as opposed to a ballet company. DTH is not any one technique or style. For Mitchell, ballet is a style and dance is a theatrical essence. It is how the Harlem dancers are able to switch with ease from the classics to their new dance-dramas.

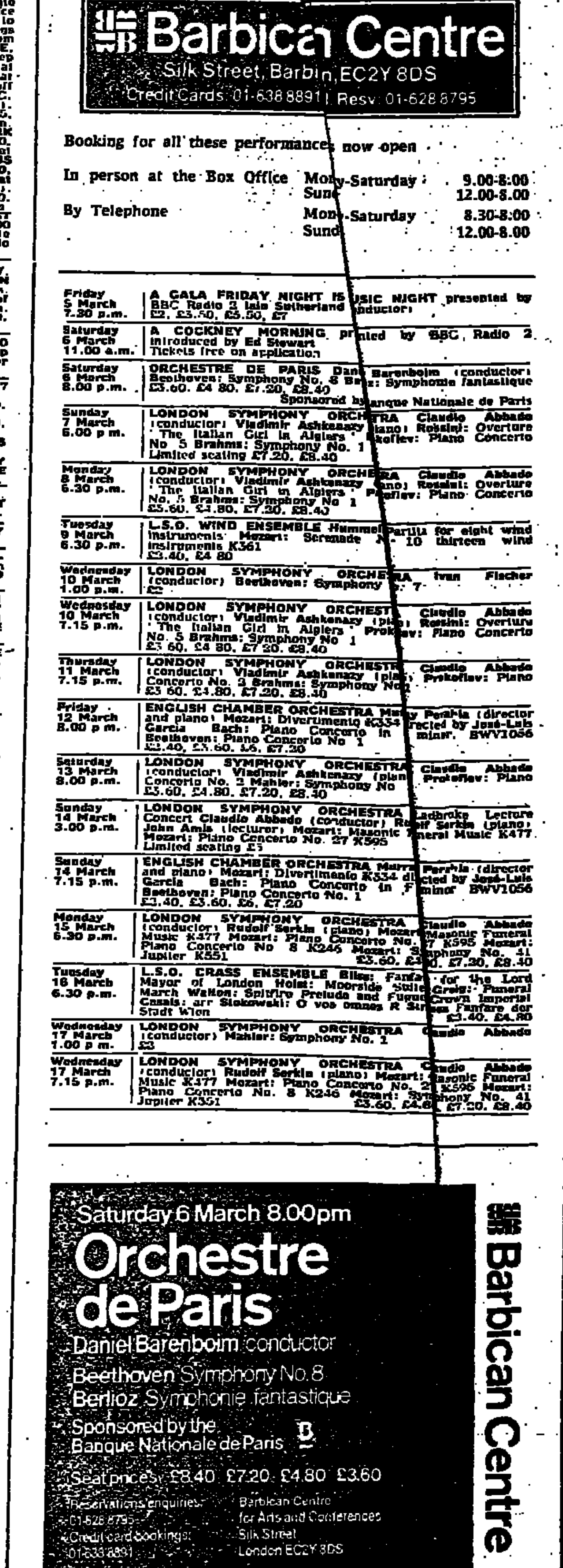
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[...] revival of Valerie [...]s 1950s ballet version [...] *[S]treetcar Named Desire* [...]felt, less successful. I my [...]turning inurning in Will[...]nd to Tennessee [...] text. Choreograph[...] originally for the Slaven[...] Franklin Ballet, with [...] Blanch[...] Slavenska as Frankli[...]bois and Frederic producti[...] Stanley, the 1950s sy[...] still heavy with [...]ism and mime. It refers [...] original play, rather tha[...]ashing a way beyond it. [...]r does the production [...] whole live up to Williams' [...]scription of his own play: [...]urated with death".

Even so, ther[e] [...] splendid things in this da[...] *Streetcar*, not least Virgi[...] and Lowell Smit[h] Johnson [...]zing in the star roles. [...] such talent, I believe tha[...] mark of a great compa[...]s one whose flaws do n[...] really matter. For such c[o]mpanies create trust and ex[...]ment in whatever they do. [...] the special contribution of Harlem Dance Theatre [...] it is also unafraid to sho[w] [...] love, sheer love of da[nce]. Keep dancing!







Paul Griffiths

Back to Thirties nostalgia

Weill: Silverlake. New York City Opera/Rudel. Nonesuch DB 79003 (2 discs).

One obstacle to the Kurt Weill revival has always been the smallness of the output: what do you go on to after *The Threepenny Opera* and *Mahagonny?* Two years ago the New York City Opera tried out a solution to that problem by taking *Der Silbersee*, a long and complex morality play by Georg Kaiser for which Weill provided music in 1933, and sharpening it up to produce *Silverlake*. This is the version that the very welcome return of the Nonesuch label now brings us.

The original Kaiser play is part political allegory, part dreamscape, a strange mixture of Brecht and Strindberg, and as such it would no doubt be extremely difficult to translate. It is also very long, and if performed complete would swamp the two dozen short musical numbers of Weill's score. There is, therefore, ample excuse for the severe adaptation offered here if the work is to be brought to the English-speaking stage, though on record it is less easy to feel happy with the Broadway singing of some of the participants or with the inclusion of a lot of music from another Weill theatre score, used to underlay the dialogue that still remains.

Nevertheless, *Silverlake* gains some authority from the fact that Weill himself was happy to turn his art to the service of the American musical, and it does give us our only opportunity to hear some strong and beautiful songs, as well as the tart pieces from the *Gustav III* music. All that remains to be fished from *Der Silbersee* — and unfortunately it is rather important — is the satirical venom, the sharp force that could make a number like "The Ballad of Caesar's Death" at once reckless, right and encouraging in the Germany of 1933. *Silverlake* has turned it all into Thirties nostalgia.

Because of pressure on space Front Line will appear on Monday. Radio by David Wade returns next Saturday.

Records of the month

John Higgins

Vienna bursts into song

Stars of the Vienna Opera, 1946-53. EMI 205-43 187/9 (3 discs); ▭.
Weinberger: Schwanda the Bagpiper. Popp / Jerusalem / Prey / Bavarian Radio Orchestra / Wallberg. CBS Masterworks 79344 (3 discs).
Flotow: Martha. Popp / Jerusalem / Ridderbusch / Bavarian Radio Orchestra / Wallberg. Eurodisc 25 422 XGR (3 discs).
Millöcker: Der Bettelstudent. Güden / Konetzni / Schock / Berlin SO / Stolz. Eurodisc 27 187 XDE (2 discs).

The resurgence of operatic life in Vienna was one of the post-war miracles. The city may have looked as bleak and seedy as Harry Lime himself, but the Opera and its standards flourished in exile at the Theater an der Wien while its own home was being rebuilt. And the word did not take long to get around the music circuit. Singers, once-established or aspirant, packed their bags with what possessions remained and made their way to Vienna because that was where the quality was to be found.

EMI have some superb archive material of this period, thanks mainly to the influence of the late Walte Legge. He went to Vienna to record, as Alan Blyth points out in his introduction to *Stars of the Vienna Opera*, shortly after the company had come to London in 1947. That was a visit picketed here by the Musicians' Union, to its eternal shame, because of the decision to engage the Vienna Philharmonic.

It was the Vienna Opera too which provided many of the singers for a Covent Garden struggling again to its feet in the late Forties: Patzak, Wilitsch, Lipp and, of course, Schwarzkopf, whom Legge was later to marry. All are represented here and, in some instances, with recordings previously unpublished. Lipp's versions of the Queen of the Night's two arias under Furtwangler, in one of her Royal Opera House roles, are new to the catalogue: they come across with easy coloratura though nor much venom.

Ease was very much part of the Vienna style. Kunz is almost conversational, taking the audience by the lapels, when he plays Papageno or even Figaro. Schwarzkopf and Seefried suggest the same intimacy in the duet for Susanna and the Countess in the third act of *Figaro* — Karajan is the conductor in this exquisite piece of music-making.

The big names abound — Tauber, Welitsch, Jurinac — but EMI have been careful to include others which are in danger of fading from the memory. There is Maria Cebotari, who came from Bessarabia and died of cancer before she was forty. She is poorly represented by Anna's "Non mi dir" from *Don Giovanni*, but her account of Frau Fluth's aria from *The Merry Wives of Windsor* is a delight and so is "Es gibt ein Reich" from *Ariadne*. It is possible to accuse EMI of cheating a little: the two Tauber items (Ottavio's arias) are pre-war; Patzak, who did most of his recording for Another Company, is allowed only two Schumann lieder. But this is for the most part a highly treasurable collection, particulary for anyone whose first experience of opera came in those post-war years.

Jaromir Weinberger, who was born in Prague and died in Florida, has to be the only composer to set both Schiller (*Wallenstein*) and Bret Harte (*The Outcasts of Poker Flat*). He was one of a generation of composers forced by Nazi persecution to span two continents, but his prime inspiration remained Czech dance melodies. And they certainly inspired his one hit tune, the Polka from *Schwanda the Bagpiper*. It was *Schwanda* which kept the pennies trickling in during Weinberger's old age.

It has never managed to keep a place in the British repertory, although Sadler's Wells staged it at around the same period as Lipp and Co. were appearing at Covent Garden. Its particular brand of fantasy in which Farmer Schwanda encounters the Devil and is rescued by Bobinsky, a Robin Hood figure, is much more to the Central European taste than our own. The school is that of Prokofiev's *The Love for Three Oranges* or Janacek's *Mr Broucek*. It has the exuberance of the Prokfiev and CBS have assembled a cast to do it justice, led by Hermann Prey in the title role of Schwanda, der Dudelsackpfeifer — the opera is given in German. Siegfried Jerusalem is a dashing Bobinsky, Lucia Popp is the wife who stays at home while her husband goes to Hell, and Siegmund Nimsgern manages to conceal the fact that in this opera the Devil does not get all the best tunes.

Much of the *Schwanda* team, including Popp, Jerusalem, Nimsgern and the Bavarian Radio Orchestra under the excellent Heinz Wallberg, turn up on the Eurodisc label in Flotow's *Martha*. It is another opera which has struggled unsuccessfully to keep its place in the British repertoire, but there are rival recordings, including a delectable issue with Frick and Wunderlich, while *Schwanda* has the field to itself. But Eurodisc's version is ripe and full-flavoured — very well worth sampling.

Another Eurodisc issue this month, Millöcker's *Der Bettelstudent*, almost returns us to Vienna, although the orchestral forces are the Berlin Symphony, playing marvellously for the veteran Robert Stolz. Rudolf Schock and Hilde Konetzni, among the cast here, are in the EMI compilation, and Hiled Güden, the lead soprano in Millöcker's operetta, ruled Vienna for many a year. Eurodisc do not say when the recording was made, but it comes up fresh and exceedingly idiomatic. Millöcker, a professional civil servant, knes how to write tunes and Stolz and his cast know how to perform them.


Irmgard Seefried as Susanna.

William Mann

Different guises

J. S. Bach: Harpsichord Concertos in F, D, G minor Leppard/ECO. Philips 9500 962; ▭ 7300 962.
J. S. Bach: Brandenburg Concertos 1-6. Soloists/Berlin RSO/Maazel. Philips 6527 053 (2 discs); ▭ 7311 053.
A. Scarlatti: 12 Sinfonie di concerto grosso. Bennett/Smith/Soustrot/Elhorst/I Musici. Philips 6769 066 (2 discs).
J. C. Bach/Mozart/Stamitz/Vanhal: Oboe Quartets. Still/Perlman/Zukerman/Harrell. EMI ASD 3916.

J. S. Bach is thought to have invented the idea of a solo concerto for harpsichord with string accompaniment, but all his extant works in that form seem to derive from earlier versions with another solo instrument. The three chosen for Raymond Leppard's record are all well known in such versions, the first as Brandenburg 4, the others as violin concertos in keys a tone higher than here.

If you know those originals, you will be fascinated to observe what the transcriptions required of Bach, in minute musical detail. The embellishments added by Leppard and his colleagues are sensible, credibly similar to those appropriate to the originals.

They are all also excellent harpsichord concertos in their own right, as any pianist may discover, and as these performances prove. The finale of the F major goes ponderously, and the harpsichord is under-balanced with noisy recorders. The orchestral detail is clear, the performances are otherwise lively and inventive.

Those who prefer a weightier Bach may fancy Lorin Maazel's set of the Brandenburg Concertos. The soloists are fine players, especially Maurice André in No. 2. Maazel employs a full string orchestra, bass-heavy in a cramped acoustic, and lays a heavy pulse on the music in the quick movements. Nos 3 and 6 are treated as works for large string orchestra. These performances sound less sanitized than those of Karajan and the Berlin Philharmonic. But the Brandenburgs are chamber, not orchestral, music: if you want the sound of baroque instruments, go to Leonhardt's set.

The Scarlatti works, really Concerti grossi with a varied concertino each time, are his first serious concern with pure instrumental music, and make less inventive music than most of Corelli or Handel. The diversified instrumentation does link them with Bach's Brandenburgs, and I Musici make a lively case for them, with bright, strongly rhythmical playing, admirable soloists, and an enthusiasm which finds one winning movement in just about each of the 12 concertos (or symphonies, if you prefer). Our own William Bennett makes his mark in the concertos with flute, and Bernard Soustrot contributes strongly to those with solo trumpet, the most colourful.

Ray Still, the Chicago Symphony Orchestra's principal oboe, has a delightful excursion with starry colleagues, at first in the popular Mozart Oboe Quartet, then ranging into other composers of the same era and less familiar material. Carl Stamitz's Clarinet Quartet in E flat goes unexpectedly well on the oboe, and abounds in ideas about texture and thematic treatment, of which Perlman and Zuckerman make the most, as they do again whenever J. C. Bach prescribes acrobatic string accompaniment to his suave woodwind solos. Still's plangent, rather feline oboe tone, and elegant artistry, can suggest a flute origin for this work. An eminently civilized anthology, immaculately engineered.

Hilary Finch

French rhapsody

Chausson: Symphony in B flat/Chabrier: Suite Pastorale. Detroit SO/Paray. Mercury SRI 75029.
Mozart: Haffner and Posthorn Serenades. Staatskapelle Dresden/de Waart. Philips 6770 043 (2 discs).
Mahler: Symphony No 1. Chicago SO/Abbado DG 2532 020.
Dvorak: Cello Concerto No 1 in A/Polonaise. Sádlo / Czech PO / Neumann. Supraphon 1110 2728.

A contemporary once described Ernest Chausson as a man rising from the middle of a dream and taking a step towards real life. His Symphony is more withdrawn yet more whimsically spontaneous, as rhapsodic yet more hesitant in its outworkings, than Cesar Franck's to which it is often compared: and that combination of delicacy and ardour which Debussy so admired in it is sensitively realized in the Detroit Symphony Orchestra's new recording.

They bring to it a New World freshness and buoyancy, with Paul Paray never overforcing its gentle lyricism, but affectionately pointing its clarity of line, its ventilating and capricious accompanying figures. It was a pity to split the work between two sides, but this is a delightful coupling with Chabrier's *Suite Pastorale*. Highly original, meticulously and vivaciously imagined tableaux, their lovingly blended paint seems still wet within their delicately carved classical frames. Ravel, who loved the gently oscillating, almost pointillistic "Sous-bois", would have relished the poise and delicacy of this performance.

Unlike either of these two works, there is a bewildering choice of available recordings of Mozart's Haffner and Posthorn Serenades. Philips presents a reissue and attractive new coupling of both works from earlier seventies' recordings by the Dresden Staatskapelle, filling out the spaces with three Marches.

The string playing of this orchestra is as distinctive as ever, radiating sharp light and lithe vitality in the Haffner where they urge on the sweet, fragile solo violin playing of Uto Ughi. Equally outstanding are the characterful wind solos in the Posthorn, chuckling through each allegro.

The Chicago Symphony Orchestra's new recording, under Abbado, of Mahler's first symphony is not for playing to anyone to whom you are trying to defend Mahler from the charges of vulgarity or wearing his adolescent heart on his sleeve. The player's startling and always compelling virtuosity is directed here to an interpretation which, though instantly stunning, can turn energy to coarse pugnacity, sentiment to almost condescending sentimentality, leaving, on repeated hearings, a somewhat hollow centre in an often finely structured and excitingly detailed shell of orchestral playing.

Dvorak-lovers as interested in the acorn as the oak will welcome Supraphon's enterprising release of his hithero embryonic first cello concerto. Dvorak's wisdom in leaving the work unorchestrated becomes ever clearer as it progresses. Like the early piano concerto, a lovely melody will sidle up then not know what to do with itself, rambling on amid much notespinning and throat-clearing until ousted by another. Jarmil Burhauser's valiant realization and orchestration is played with redeeming enthusiasm and conviction by the Czech Philharmonic who accompany (that is the word) Milos Sádlo's tough, dedicated cello playing.

Television/Dennis Hackett

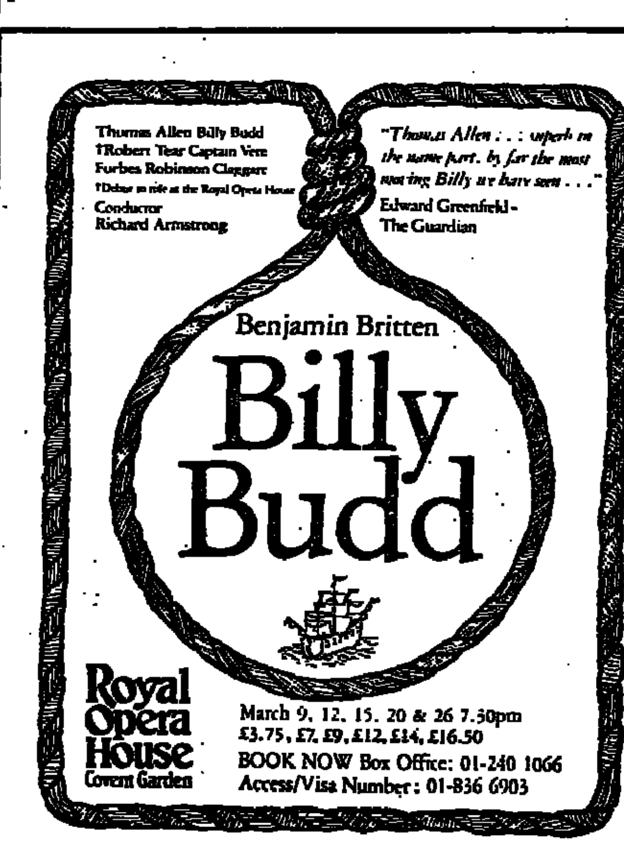
How Many Miles to Babylon?, adapted by Derek Mahon from Jennifer Johnston's novel for BBC2's Playhouse last night, suited the current taste for nostalgia, absolutely understandable when prospects are so bleak, but for all that it was lavishly produced by Innes Lloyd, well-directed, beautifully photographed, and well-acted, it required a degree of credulousness to be entirely successful.

Alexander Moore and Jerry Crowe are two Irish boys, the first the off-spring of affluent, estranged parents suffering matrimony under the same roof, the second a peasant. They become friends and eventually go to the trenches together: Alexander because his grand, mad mother has an urge to destroy all about her; Jerry because he thinks the military training will come in useful in the fight for independence.

They go, according to their stations, as officer and ranker but see no reason why friendship cannot bridge such a chasm. When Jerry receives a letter from his mother asking him to look for his father elsewhere on the front, he takes off, becomes a deserter, and on his return is condemned to death by firing squad.

The play opens on Alexander contemplating his own imminent end by the same means, having, it transpires, forestalled a similar fate for his friend by shooting him himself. Pondering the implicit question "is it better to be shot by someone you're fond of rather than by mere acquaintances?" I decided on balance that the latter was preferable — if only for the friend's sake.

But, this and some unclear motivations apart, it was a splendid spectacle and the horrors of trench warfare were ingeniously reconstituted. There was more than a touch of Brideshead echoing from the early scenes and the music of Geoffrey Burgon, and, despite the nag of implausibility there were valid reflections on the historic inability of English and Irish to understand one another



Travel/edited by Shona Crawford Poole

Brittany/Nicholas Wapshott

Land's End, French style

Finistere, a familiar storm point from the shipping forecast, is the most westerly thrust of mainland France, the head of Brittany which juts into the Atlantic. It is an insular part, proudly Breton and intimate with the sea, traditional in everything from voting to the rituals of marriage.

And, as the sea surrounds, so the influences of the rest of France are forgotten and ignored; nowhere more so than in the spit of bays and beaches which lunges westwards from the port of Audierne to the Point du Raz.

This is a remote strip of sea-locked land, almost an island by geography and most certainly an island by temperament. Two roads run east and west along it, and from them run narrow lanes through hamlets and farmyards which lead alternately to high cliff views and small, sheltered beaches.

Were it not for the blue-denimed local folk — for once the twee word is appropriate — this could be Cornwall. White-washed houses look down across dry stone walls, past heather and gorse expanses to the rocky shore and white sand. Except in August, when all respectable Frenchmen — and which are not? — take their annual holiday while burglars and tourists have Paris to themselves, this French Cornish coast, Cournaille, is almost empty. It is possible to sit alone on an empty beach all day as if it were a tropical island, disturbed only by the crashing waves and fishing boats passing along the horizon.

And what advantages there are to staying in France. At the morning market in Audierne, there are oysters cheap enough to buy by the score. There are crabs, fresh sardines, crayfish, langoustines and lobsters. Artichokes are so large and so cheap that they start every meal, dunked in butter. The patisseries peddle the usual tempting breads, but also offer *kouign aman*, a local butter-backed gateau, like a well-brought-up lardy cake.

The villages — and many points in between — offer at least one restaurant with glorious food at a price which old people boast to have been available in Britain in their day. And, at last, some benefits of the Common Market. If there is anywhere which profits from the Common Agricultural Policy it is the small French farmer, who here lets out his home to the grateful Brit while he summers with his in-laws.

The countryside holds a series of small adventures, designed by chance to satisfy the need for a gentle outing. The churches are small, stone-built and historic, with fine stained glass, and protected from the road side by stone calvaries, tall images of Christ upon an often rustic cross, looking like a well-pruned apple tree.

Ornithologists will know already that this stretch of coast holds the Reserve de Cap Sizun, the Breton Slimbridge. There may be found, perched on their rocky nests, a motley flock of birds which would have brightened Daphne du Maurier's heart, among them the rare great black-beaked gull, democratically mingling with the common penguins.

And the promontory has a number of cliff points, which the Michelin guide awards appetizing stars. There are three main views, although many of the smaller points are worth exploring, if only for the sense of discovery. In reverse order of spectacle and danger, the big three are: Brezellec Point: Van Point, which needs a guide: and the treacherous Point du Raz — whose name promises a naughty night out but means, more appropriately, a strong current. The Point du Raz is France's Land's End, takes over an hour for a full guided tour between plunging wave-filled hollows and gives an inhospitable toe-hold to France's furthest west mainland building, the Vieille lighthouse.

For rainy days there is, at an hour's drive, Quimper, the source of big-bowled pottery, once home to the inventor of the stethoscope, with a medieval cathedral, two cinemas and an art gallery and museum which would be the envy of a large American city.

But that is for the unreconstructed townie. Bad weather and night-times on the Cornouaille peninsula are for reading and sleeping. And for company, the same farmer who gives you milk in a pail for breakfast, still warm from the udder, will happily waste an hour or two over a bottle, cursing the Government, the bureaucrats or whoever you prefer.

Holiday Villas offer a number of homes of various sizes for rent in west Brittany, varying in price according to the number of beds and the time of year. For example, villa sleeping four costs from £96 per week in May up to £189 per week in July/August. Holiday Villas, 850 Brighton Road, Purley, Surrey CR2 2BH. (Telephone 01-660 5666).



Audierne, a peaceful haven on a wild coast — Photo: Caroline Forbes

Health/Thomas Stuttaford

The malaria menace

Climate and poverty have always combined to make a visit to the tropics a calculated risk to health. The risk is small but can be minimized by taking precautions.

The principal danger remains malaria. It is unfortunate that frequently the prophylactic measures taken against it are inadequate or outdated. More than 2,000 cases are diagnosed in travellers returning to Britain every year and deaths regularly occur.

Malaria is only spread by the bite of a female Anopheles mosquito. It can transmit one of four different types of malarial parasite, each of which produces different symptoms of varying severity. The two common parasites are *Plasmodium falciparum*, which gives rise to malignant tertian malaria. (It is called malignant because it is dangerous and, if untreated, potentially fatal.) The other common malarial parasite is *Plasmodium vivax*. This causes benign tertian malaria, which although an unpleasant, disabling disease is rarely fatal. The term benign is only comparative.

Fifteen years ago medicine was winning the battle against malaria. Mosquitoes or their larvae were destroyed by convenient insecticides; eradication programmes were well supported by the local populations and the malarial parasites were sensitive to the drugs *chloroquine*, *paludrine*, or *daraprim*.

This has all changed. Mosquitoes are now able to survive spraying with many of the most commonly used insecticides, and many of the malarial parasites they carry have become resistant to the previously favoured drugs. Although new anti-malarial drugs have been produced, resistance has developed to these too.

The comparative ease of prescribing an efficient prophylactic in the past has produced complacency. It is only recently that the average doctor practising in the West, let alone his travelling patients, has become aware of this resistance to one or other of all the known tablets by one or other of the parasites.

Chloroquine resistance has become common in the serious form of malaria, *falciparum*, and is now a problem in the Far East, Papua and New Guinea, part of Kenya and Tanzania, an in tropical areas of centr and South America. Tw drugs, Fansidar or Maloprir are available and one or tl other should be taken. Fandar, sometimes difficult › buy in Britain, is taken ore a week. Maloprim is taln once or twice a wec, depending on the doct's opinion. In those areas wlre there are no resistant strains of *P. falciparum* chloroquine can be taken in a weekly dose of 300mgs: Other possibilities are Paludrin daily, either one or two tablets.

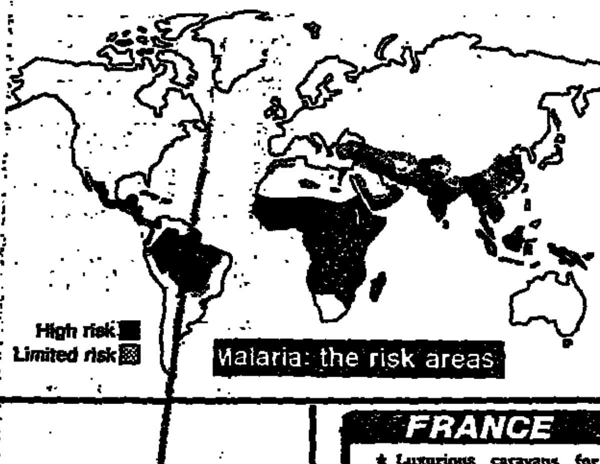
It is more usual now t prescribe two tablets a d unless the risk of infection very slight, as in parts of Gulf and North Africa.

The choice of anti-mal is dictated by the nee guard against the dang *P. falciparum*, but parasite accounts for c per cent of the cases f Britain. Most of the due to the less parasite *M. Vivax*. always kept at Malaprim or Fansi only occasionally chloroquine. Th those parts of Asia where the malarial infecti be very great, will have to be

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Finally, they or their doctors will consult the Ross Institute of Tropical Hygiene, which as well as giving advice, also publishes a small booklet *Preservations of Personal Health in Warm Climates*. The Ross Institute is at Keppel Street, London WC1. [01-568 8240]



Discount news

Holiday makers planning last minute skiing trips have more discounted packages to choose from than sun seekers this week. Club Mark Warner has reduced all its one and two week holidays by £20 throughout March. The resorts offered are Verbier, Courchevel, Meribel and Val d'Isere, and the board arrangement is the usual chalet party deal of breakfast, tea after skiing, and dinner with wine. Prices run from £189 for seven nights in Val d'Isere.

Neilson has reduced the price of a number of winter sports holidays in Italy, Austria and France on the basis that the holiday maker chooses the country and board arrangement and the company chooses the resort and accommodation. Discounts range from £30 off a two week half-board holiday in Italy (new price £169), to £80 off a two week self-catering holiday in France (new price £99). Departures are mainly from Gatwick, but some of the discounted deals are from Manchester, Newcastle or Birmingham.

Thomson Holidays is offering discounts of from £23 to £48 under its "square deal" system on early March departures to Benidorm, Tunisia, Majorca, the Gambia, Malta and Athens. S.C.P.

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Meribel	7/14 f/b	Ski MacG	£211/314	£25/30	Mar 13 & 20
Verbier	7 f/b	SkiMacG	£211	£16	Mar 20
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Learn how to protest

Curiously, at least for French, the items on lists in England are o bered. In my opini a refer to a fine wine sugit Mouton Rothschild b his is an insult. Moreo kes practice could cause what on the bill, which here happened at Lock Borwe drank an exc Landeaux from Cos at one gon (£4.75). Pr es at a can have good ere as reasonable nertheless, anywhere else malies, as I noticed som ere badly if the buy ead allowed informed — let down by themselves the importe although the

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It marriage of Eleanor thaitaine to Henry II of d the death knell for sh vines in 1152, Bor k then becoming your d's vineyard. Perhaps tide will turn, since there about 1,000 acres of vines der cultivation in England nd Wales, not necessarily on ites well known for their vines in the Middle Ages. I



found some on the wine lists at Locket's; at The English House, in Chelsea, where for £7.75, we selected a sweet but good Lamberhurst Priory (a Müller Thurgau grape) from a list of very expensive and badly chosen French wines; and at The Savoy.

The Savoy list is certainly good, even if one finds on it some "French sparkling" wines which a French gastronome wouldn't even use as a mouthwash! Nevertheless, the Savoy's *Book of Wine* (a catalogue of wines sold by the case and "tested" by experts) is impressive, even if a 1976 Madiran des Chais de Morlaas is prohibitive at £9.25.

One thing which astonished me was that when you ask for water you are brought tap water, which, at any rate, is honest. If you specify mineral water a French variety is offered (and, strangely, Perrier, which is more a mineralized than a mineral water). Aren't there any mineral waters in England?

Whether at Wilton's or Wheeler's I found the wines expensive, doubtless because of customs duty. However, what struck me above all was the unevenness of the pricing, as if the year hadn't been taken into account. Pushing Côtes de Lubéron (it figures on many lists) does not make it — red or white variety — a wine of quality, believe me.

At The Westbury, otherwise an excellent hotel, I was astonished to find quarter bottles of a red and white wine called Arc de Triomphe. It was exceptionally expensive. It is such "produce of France" that brings French wines into disrepute abroad and I offer no congratulations to Messrs. Grierson and Blumenthal, who sell it at £1.55 for a quarter-bottle. The Westbury organizes "creative cuisine" sessions which include culinary demonstrations and wine tasting. I hope that they don't offer Arc de Triomphe to these unfortunate people.

Would it not be in the interest of the French wine committees to send across "teachers" — rather than sales representatives — who would explain to the restaurateurs what wine is, its mysteries and its laws... also, the temperature at which it should be drunk. In France I am known as someone who likes his wine cool because I drink it at 14°C (57°F). None of the wines served me in England was less than 20°C (68°F). That's too much!

It seems that the English are drinking more and more wine. There are more and more wine-bars where it is sold by the glass: a sign of consumer interest in this drink, with which your forbears were familiar. Another reason for sharpening your taste, for teaching you about wine.

I went to dinner with two charming friends at The Garrick, a rather exclusive club, I believe, dedicated to the memory of the great interpreter of Shakespeare. What a marvellous place! What a beautiful collection of nostalgic portraits. What a fine dining-room, with its central table of polished wood, its small tables and the convivial sound of an elite enjoying itself. I ate very well but remember above all a 1966 Château La Lagune (£15), an exceptional year, which delighted us. Need one add that on the same list a 1965 Latour, a worse than mediocre year, was £27.50? And that I also found a Bordeaux Troisgros, the name of the famous restaurateurs of Roanne.... I need hardly say that it had nothing to do with them but the coincidence is still dangerous. For them!

Doubtless I'm wrong to be indignant. In France as well we have bad wines on certain lists. But that's because the restaurateur is dishonest, whereas in London it's rather because of ignorance. You should beware of Arc de Triomphe and other Eperons d'Argent. You should be astonished to find among Portuguese wines only the mediocre Mateus. Learn how to protest, to be insistent, to be discriminating.

Next: The Sharrow Bay Hotel, Ullswater.

Shoparound with Beryl Downing

Pa2 Guide to etting things mnded

Part two of Shoparound's directory introduces you to experts who will repakers and menders remodel your Meissen, refurbish yourour Persian carpet, cello. and cherish your

● Most restorers are the recommenda have been pleased with their craftsm of readers who marked (R). Others have been sent p — these are themselves and have been included beca the restorers interesting service. All have been contacte ey provide an represent the very high standard of sonally and all Shoparound readers. expected by

● Thank you all for your suggestions. Th could not be contacted in time for inclusion. ot included

Cane and rush

● **Cumbria:** (R) Miranda Holmes-Smith, Lawson Cottage, Renwick, Near Penrith. (076 883 402). All patterns cane from 17p per hole. More for complicated curved pieces. Can arrange collection from Cheshire to South Scotland.

● **Derbyshire:** (R) Joan Gilbert, 50 Ashbourne Road, Derby. (Derby 44363). Antique chairs, bedheads, Bergère suites recaned. All patterns. Bedroom chairs from £15. English rush seats from £20, no sea-grass or synthetics, work done for stately homes and dealers. No delivery.

● **Hertfordshire:** (R) Centre of Restoration & Art, 20 Folly Lane, St. Albans. (St. Albans 51555). Antique or modern chairs recaned, many patterns and sizes. Traditional 6-way around £18.40. Also blind caning. Team of 12 also restore pictures and antique dolls. Will travel to large commissions.

● **Kent:** Tenterden Rushcraft, Rear of 90 High Street. (Tenterden 3326). All cane patterns from 20p a hole (average seat £16 with beading) Real rush from £35, new synthetic rush from £25. No collection.

● **Merseyside, Liverpool:** (R) Neville Hymus, Wellington Crafts, 70a Oxford Road, Waterloo. (051-920 5511). Bergère specialist. All cane patterns from £8 for bedroom chair seat in standard 6-way; Rush £9.50 to £14.Also sea grass. Antique and modern. Will collect within 50 miles.

● **London:** (R) Harry Seralian, 79 Morrison Way, Edgware (01-952 6432). Antique or modern chairs reseated in cane from 15p per hole. Any pattern. Will collect within 10 miles.

● **Oxfordshire:** Upton Craft, Upton Stores, Fieldside, Upton, near Didcot. (Blewbury 850263) Ann Dendy works in cane from 14p per hole and in English rush from £10 per sq. ft. Hilary Melling reseats in seagrass from £8.50 for a stool and in various colours of cord from £10.50. Small woodwork repairs can be arranged. Also jewelry repairs. This a small cooperative with a pleasantly helpful community atmosphere. Charges made for collecting.

● **Suffolk:** (R) George Sneed, Bacon's Barn, St. Michael, Bungay. (St. Cross 282). All types of cane from 11p per sq. inch (standard 18p) Traditional English and Continental rush patterns. Seat 17in×15½in £23.50. Delivery anywhere — scale of charges in brochure. Please send sae.

● **Surrey:** (R) P. Dodd, 91 Merton Way, West Molesey. (979 6635). This caning specialist is partially blind and works to recommended RNIB charges, which are generally lower than usual. Cane from 13p per hole, rush from 25p per inch. Press caning (already made-up cane) done on modern chairs. No delivery.

● **Sussex:** (R) An Unit A1 Oakden pholstery, fold. (Cowfold 2 ate, Cow- patterns from 16p All cane rush from £20, seag ple. Real Antique and modern om £10. for museums on res k done respringing. Will trave n and in London and South. where

(R) Alan and Wendy Barn Cottage, Elstead. wer, 6762). All types of urst including "the ones a lot rns people can't do". Bedroo er seat from £12. Rush seating ir £16. Also modern bedheads seats and backs. Free colle within 10 mile radius. Will t anywhere in Sussex, Hampsh Surrey.

China

● **Berkshire:** (R) F.W. Child, 78 Kidmore End Road, Reading. (Reading 482737). Restoration of antique and modern porcelain and papier maché, remodelling and painting. From £5 for a small chip to £30 for a complicated piece. Local collection and delivery.

● **Cornwall:** (R) Clare Beauchamp, Trevince, Redruth, Cornwall. (St Day 820355). Mainly antique porcelain, some enamelling — remodelling and painting. Costs based on time. Local delivery. Pieces accepted by mail.

● **Hampshire:** (R) Just The Thing, High Street, Hartley Wintney. (025 126 3393). Sue Carpenter accepts china repairs at her shop. Mainly antique porcelain, modelling and painting. Minimum charge £5. No delivery.

● **London:** (R) Bonita Emms, 45 Gunterstone Road, W14. (01-603 7105). Mainly antique porcelain, some glass. Figures and remodelling a speciality, mainly for antique dealers, some private clients. Rim chips from £7, complicated pieces around £75. Will deliver in London area.

(R) Griselda Laroche, 63 Cromwell Road, SW7. (01-370 5695). Restoration of porcelain, pottery and marble, antique and modern. Team of five — quick service. Local delivery.

(R) Studio 1D, 1 Kensington Church Walk, W8. (01-937 7583). All types of restoration of antique and modern porcelain, invisible mending and modelling, also visible conservation for museums. From £2 a chip. No delivery. Also run two-week beginners' course at £180 — four a year, next one starts April 26.

● **Middlesex:** (R) Kate Lane Roberts, 38 Bridgeman Road, Teddington. (01-977 8655). Mainly porcelain, some glass and enamel. Remodels and repaints. Chips from £5, figurine repairs around £30. Delivery in London.

● **Scotland:** (R) Mrs R.M. Wilson, Maid Marich's Workshop, Baledgarno Farm House, Inchture, Perthshire. (Inchture 245). Antique and modern porcelain and pottery. Remodels and paints. Small chips from £5. No delivery.

● **Sussex:** D en Brown, Fairlight, Cockr t Lane, Wadhurst. (Wadh 3432). Mainly antique porce and pottery. Remodels and ts. Works for dealers and pri clients. Also researches inte ting pieces. Local delivery if n ssary.

● **Wiltshire:** (R) G frey Boyle, Winters Penning, en Drove, Pewsey. (Pewsey 3). Antique and modern porcela Remodels small pieces (handl for instance) and paints. ks for dealers and private c ts. No delivery.

(R) Mrs J. Winch, stport House, Malmesbury. lmesbury 2119.) Antique and dern porcelain and ceramics from early Georgian footbath o a "mundane soap dish lid Remodelling and painting. rks for dealers and private c nts. No delivery.

Furniture

● **Avon:** (R) Timothy Dewey, e Cottage, Kelston, Bath. (B 26810.) Will do "anything wood". Restorations to antiqu for BADA dealers within miles, but also tackles "the o kitchen chair" for private clien when required. Will travel 70 o 80 miles if the piece is interest ing.

● **Berkshire:** (R) G. Beese, Church House, East Grafton, Burbage, near Newbury. (Burbage 810394.) Restoration of all kinds of antique furniture, French polishing, replaces desk leathers — "antique restorers first, cabinet makers second". Delivery within 60 miles.

● **Cleveland:** Amos Swift & Co, Boathouse Lane, Stockton-on-Tees. (0642 65241.) A company of wood turners who turn chair legs, finials, baluster rails, bed posts to match existing ones or to specification. No actual repairs, but useful for anyone needing spare parts.

● **Devon:** (R) Tony Vernon, 15 Follett Road, Topsham, Exeter. (Topsham 4635.) All antiques restored. Will reveneer, refinish, French or wax polish. Also a cabinet maker and joiner who will rebuild, whatever the condition of the piece. Delivery within 50 miles of Exeter.

● **Dorset:** R. C. Bagnell, Dorset Antique Restorer, Stables Farm, Bradford Peverell, Dorchester. (Martinstown 312.) General restoration work on all types of antique furniture, including gilding, japanning, lacquering and marquetry. Boule work a speciality. Delivery within 25 miles.

(R) Tolpuddle Antique Restorers, The Stables, Southover House, Tolpuddle, Dorchester. (Puddletown 739.) Restoration of antique furniture, clocks, barometers, musical boxes; marquetry veneering, boule work, lacquer, japanning, gilding. Specialize in unusual restoration that cannot be tackled by "the little man round the corner". Delivery within 25 miles.

● **Essex:** (R) Anne Holden, The Glebe House, Great Waltham. 0245 360 503.) Repairs to chairs, cabinets, bureaux, chests, restoring veneers, repolishing. No gilding, lacquer or upholstery. Will collect and deliver in Essex, Suffolk, London.

● **Kent:** (R) Spencer and Spencer, 1A Page Heath Villas, Bromley. (01-464 6906.) French polishing, upholstery, simple repairs (not cabinet making), rebaizing of tables. Can arrange for resilvering of mirrors, leather replacement; brass handles cast, porcelain restored. Will line display cabinets with moire from £30. Collection within 10 miles.

● **London:** (R) Richard Holmes, Homework, 1 Baronsmead Road, Barnes, SW13. (01-748 6816.) Furniture of any period restored. Cabinet work, will turn simple legs, no upholstery. Specialist in chairs. Delivery in Central London area.

● **Northumberland:** (R) Ron Archer, Glenwhelt Coach House, Greenhead. (Gilsland 212.) All aspects of high quality antique restoration — gilding, carving, polishing, metalwork — can rebuild a piece completely. Favourite period, walnut of the 1720s. Works for dealers and private clients. Delivery according to importance of piece.

● **Oxfordshire:** (R) The Desk Shop, 41 St Clements, (Oxford 45524.) Restoration of desks and other antiques and reproductions. Remake plinths, missing drawers, releather insets and tooling, old handles and knobs matched. Releathering of 4ft x 2ft pedestal desk from £45. Will travel all over south-east. Delivery arranged anywhere.

● **Scotland:** (R) John D. Blackwood, 36 Main Street, Doune, Perthshire. (Doune 684.) High quality restoration mainly of Georgian and Queen Anne furniture for dealers, but has private clients as well. Delivery within 50 miles.

● **Somerset:** Castle House Antiques, Bennets Field, Wincanton. (0963 33884.) High class restoration and cabinet making. Inlaid veneer, lacquer, boulework. Will collect and deliver all over south.

● **Suffolk:** (R) Roy Clement-Smith, Mendlesham Furniture Workshop, Elms Farm, Mendlesham. (Mendlesham 7107.) All restoration to antique furniture including re-upholstery and some French polishing. Makers of reproductions of the Mendlesham chair, first produced in the village 200 years ago — now hand-made in fruitwoods for £240. Collection by arrangement within 20 miles.

● **Sussex:** (R) B. A. Robinson, Archway Antiques, 42 High Street, Hurstpierpoint. (0273 832741.) Restoration of antique, wax polished furniture. No upholstery. Wax and French polishing, some inlay. Free estimates within 5 miles, or travelling expenses.

● **West Midlands:** Regency House, 218 Maryvale Road, Bournville, Birmingham. (021-458 3391.) Restoration, including cabinet work and upholstery, to antique furniture and clocks, cases and movements. Also modern furniture, rush and cane, glass resilvering. Can arrange for picture restoration, oils and watercolours. Delivery within 10 miles — farther for important pieces.

● **Yorkshire:** (R) Mervyn and Angela Slatter, Old Mill, Silver Street, Askrigg, Leyburn. (Wensleydale 50354.) Repairs and restoration of antique and modern furniture. Upholstery mended and replaced, repairs to legs and backs. Repair of bedheads, screens, piano stools — "Willing to tackle most things." Delivery within 30 miles.

Oriental rugs

● **London:** (R) Caroline Bosly, 13 Princess Road, NW1. (01-722 7608.) Major repairs and cleaning of all types of hand-made Oriental rugs and carpets. Rock-bottom prices, so no visiting, but can arrange for large items to be picked up.

● **Dorset:** J. T. H. Green, Whitcombe Farm, Beaminster. (Beaminster 862366.) Repairs to Oriental rugs up to 11ft x 5ft — not carpets. Sides and ends repaired from £50, holes worn by furniture depending on complexity. Will travel anywhere — or go to Beaminster and "ask for the retired doctor" — everyone within 20 miles will know where to point you.

Pearls and beads

● **Dorset:** Mrs J. W. Philips, 7 Brownsea Road, Sandbanks, Poole. (Canford Cliffs 709800.) Beads and imitation pearls rethreaded from £1.50 per row. Some matching done where possible. Cultured and real pearls also re-threaded, not matched.

● **London:** Sloane Pearls, 49a Sloane Street, W1. (01-235 9163.) Cultured, freshwater and real pearls (no pearl beads) re-threaded from £4.50 without knots, £5.50 with knots, 16in length. Also graduated pearl necklaces re-styled and interspersed with other semi-precious beads and crystals. Selection of antique and modern clasps.

Pictures

● **Dorset:** (R) Gordon Barrett, 23 Charles Street, Dorchester. (0305 63422.) Three-generation family business with customers as far afield as Belgium and France. Gordon Barrett has 52 years' experience of oil and watercolour restoration. Work done for museums and famous collections.

● **London:** Kate Colleran, 17 Prognal, NW3. (01-435 4652.) Conservator of works of art on paper — prints, drawings and watercolours. All materials used are conservation approved. Sixteenth century hand coloured maps onwards. Author of booklet *The Collectors' Guide to Prints and Drawings*, to be published by the Royal Watercolour Society next month.

● **Surrey:** (R) Guildford Galleries Ltd, Cranley Court, 59 Cranley Road, Guildford. (Guildford 61646.) Cleaning, restoration, conservation of watercolours, drawings and prints. Victorian watercolour, 16in x 20in from about £30. Customers seen by telephone appointment only.

● **Sussex:** Brunswick House, 50 Grand Parade, Brighton. (Brighton 603388/9.) John Cavell is an art dealer who also cleans, relines, restores reframes oils and watercolours, mainly from eighteenth century to 1930s. Reckons to be "a lot cheaper than a lot of people". Visits in Sussex and Surrey without charge.

Textiles

● **London:** Anna Christian Textile Workshop, 18 Artesian Road, W2 (01-229 2855). All old textiles, wall hangings, clothes. Some tapestry work (not the finest). Has access to old silks, velvets, tapestries from eighteenth century and will make cushions from them. Visits in London area.

Jenny Lake Tapestries, 23 Camden Hill Square, W8 (01-789 0376). Conservation and renovation of all forms of quality antique tapestries, small to wall size, Also embroidered hangings. Will travel anywhere to conserve large items.

(R) Lunn's Antiques, 86 New King's Road, Parsons Green, SW6 (01-736 4638). Small repair work undertaken to antique lace bedspreads, cushions, clothes. Also cleaning and removal of iron mould. No travel.

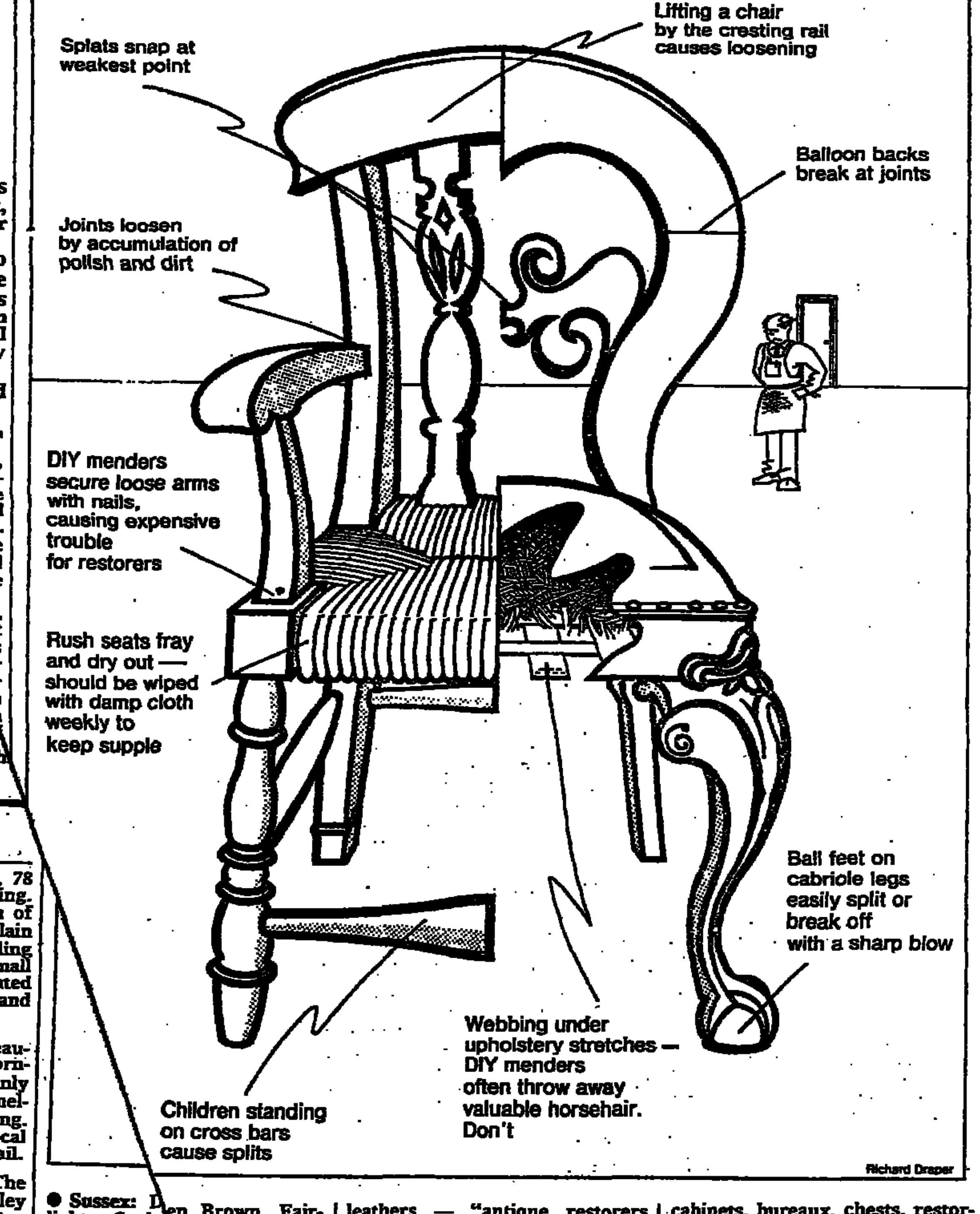
Scott & Clarke, World's End Studios, 134 Lots Road, SW10 (01-352 8950 or 229 8209). Conservation of textiles and tapestries. Cleaning of English stump work, fans, feather clothes. Work for museums, collectors, stately homes. Some visits.

● **Middlesex:** (R) Janet Jowitt, 30 Alexandra Road, Twickenham (01-892 3818). High quality textile conservation to all types, tapestries to lace. Preparation for display of museum quality objects. Darning and mending of christening robes. Trained at Victoria and Albert museum. The V & A, incidentally, will advise on your textiles on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm telling you the importance of the piece and whether they are worth professional conservation.

● **Surrey:** Mrs Pat Jones, 89 Maybury Road, Woking (Woking 63805). Repairs to or remakes of duvets, conversion of old eiderdowns, cushions or sleeping bags into continental quilts. Any sizes made, single £25, double £36. Prefers to see customers personally, but will deal by mail. Collection within 20 miles.

Violins

● **Hampshire:** Paul Bickle, The Violin Workshop, Amery Farm, Amery Hill, Alton (04893-5292). Routine adjustments and fittings to violins, violas and cellos and major repair work. No travelling, but undertakes work for London dealers.



Richard Draper

Gardening/Roy Hay

Equipped for the job

Two weeks ago when I was discussing motor mowers I mentioned that I felt sure many large gardens were undercapitalized — that they were making do with inadequate, undersized or old-fashioned equipment.

In too many gardens I fear the owner or the hired help is wasting time trotting up and down large lawns behind, say, a 14, 17 or even 18in mower when he really ought to be using one several sizes larger. Remember, about up to one-third of the time spent cutting a lawn may be taken up by emptying the grass catcher — at a rough estimate, if it takes 30 minutes to cut a given area with a 14in machine, it could probably be cut in 24 minutes or less with a 17in machine and possibly in around 18 minutes with a 20in mower

If you pay somebody to cut your grass it is a simple matter of arithmetic to work out how much a larger machine will save in labour costs and how soon this saving will offset the cost of the larger model. For example, if it takes three hours to cut your grass (and you would normally cut it 24 times a year) this adds up to 72 hours' cutting time. If your garden help costs £3 an hour, the grass mowing for the season costs £216.

If you buy an Atco 14in machine it costs £235; their 20in machine costs £345 — a difference of £110. If you save 40 per cent of the cutting time with the larger machine, you could save about £86, which means you would almost recoup the extra cost of the larger machine in its first and certainly in the second year.

This, of course, does not take into account the increased wear and consequent reduction in the working life of a smaller machine which would be run for much longer periods at each mowing than a larger mower. And larger mower made with professional users in mind are, from an engineering point of view, much stronger and have a considerably longer life.

Then there is the vexed question of moving the lawn mowings, or in due season hedge trimmings, weeds and debris and later on fallen leaves to the compost heap or bonfire. A time and motion study expert would no doubt quickly work out the cost per trip of a man trotting to and from the rubbish area at several pounds an hour and soon point out that the larger the truck or barrow the more quickly and cheaply the work will be done.

Lightweight metal or plastic trucks and barrows with extension tops are easy to push with a full load of light rubbish — not like the heavy old wooden barrows which were hard work to push empty, let alone full.

Incidentally, I see that one can still buy a large oak wheelbarrow with top boards for £170, but where, I wonder, do you find a gardener who ill push it today? A galva ized metal barrow with ex nsion top, holding around ine cubic feet, such as the orrie Giant with pneumatic yre costs about £78 and is a pleasure to use.

For smaller b t heavier loads and for peop e who find pushing a o e-wheeled barrow difficult or who perhaps walk with a stick, a two-wheeled truc with a pram handle is a boon. All the weight is take by the wheels.

Then much time s wasted lugging steps or ladders about to reach bra ches that need lopping or pruning when this could be done from ground level with a "long arm" pruner. There are various types on the market up to 9ft long; these may also be fitted with a small saw which will cut branches too thick for the pruner blade to cope with.

While there is obviously much to be said for equipping a gardener with machines or tools to enable him to do the work more quickly or with less fatigue, the thoughtful employer will often buy a tool such as an electric hedge trimmer and use it himself — he lets the gardener do the more tedious work of raking up and carting away the trimmings.

Thinking about trimming and pruning, this year there is obviously going to be a great deal of lopping and cutting out of stems and branches killed by the frosts. We will not know for certain what trees, shrubs or hardy plants have been killed in whole or in part until well into the summer but assuredly there will be much debris to be disposed of — the new Cavendish Electric Shredder is going to be of tremendous help with this work.

Quite often there is no convenient place for a bonfire and if smoke should pour across a road and cause an accident, you would be liable . . . now, instead of having to burn all this woody material or cart it off to the local council dump, it can all be shredded, swiftly and used either in a compost heap or as a moisture-retaining, weed-suppressing mulch on the garden.

It has a powerful 1600w electric motor, and twiggy material up to pencil thickness is fed into the top of the machine to be swiftly shredded and ejected into a plastic bag or other container placed beneath the machine. Branches up to 1in. diameter may be fed into a side funnel in the machine and swiftly shredded. We have been fascinated and delighted with the way it has disposed of our garden rubbish.

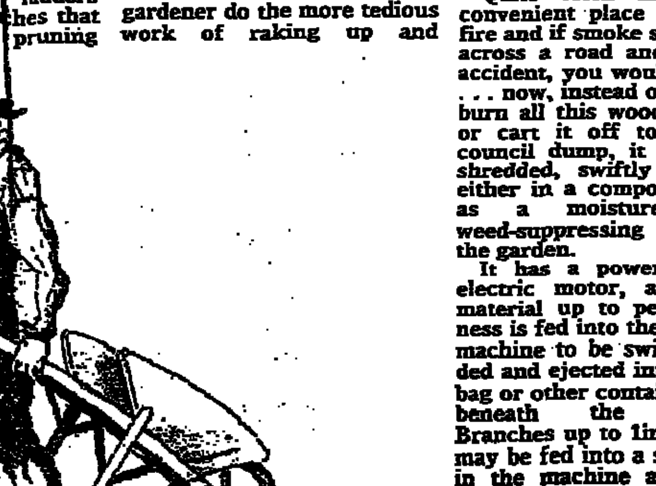
The shredded material, if used as a mulch, would, I feel, need to be given a dressing of, say, a handful of sulphate of ammonia to a square yard of a mulch about two inches deep to take care of denitrification problems as one would with sawdust or pulverized bark. It costs about £170 and in case of difficulty in finding a local stockist it is distributed by Cavendish Management Ltd., Tudor House, Llanvanor Road, London, NW2 2AR.

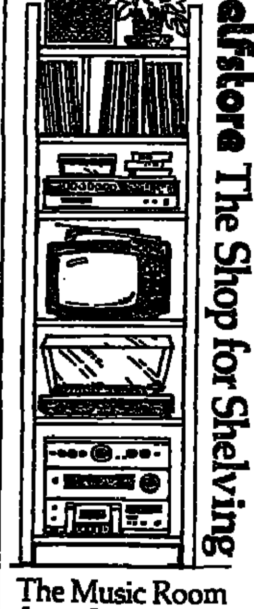
This I consider to be the most exciting piece of equipment to appear so far this year and of interest not only for owners of large gardens but of small or medium-sized areas where rubbish disposal is often a real problem.

Many of us sat at the feet of that great gardener Gertrude Jekyll 40 or more years ago and absorbed much wisdom from her informative and delightfully written books. Today they are collectors pieces. So it is with much pleasure that we welcome a reprint by the Antique Collectors Club of her classic *Wood and Garden* which was first published in 1899. This edition is enhanced by 32 beautiful and apposite colour illustrations and, allowing for changed conditions in availability and the cost of garden labour, Miss Jekyll's advice about so many aspects of the garden is as valid today as it was 80-odd years ago. The plants do not change.

Her approach to naturalness and her revolt against formality have continued unabated over the years, acentuated by two world wars and continous inflation. So much of her advice may still be followed, perhaps on a less grand scale in smaller areas and with minimal help. The original edition, when you can find a copy, will cost you around £25 to £35. This reprint at £12.50 is a bargain for those who have the imagination to scale down Gertrude Jekyll's ideas to their own situation.

Those may not have been the good old days for the gardeners living on £1 a week but they were great days for gardens.





Bridge/Jeremy Flint

Beware, rabbits

Bridge can be an exasperating game. For a change you cut a good player against two rabbits. To your mortification, the rabbits, assisted by a generous lice of luck, run rings round you. A recent rubber of this sort reminded me of an old time expert's favourite aphorism. He would glower at each of his opponents in turn, and snort, "Lovely bidding, lovely play".

Rubber bridge.
Love all.
Dealer West.

North: ♠KJ ♡A1042 ♢A96 ♣A1043

South: ♠A109764 ♡K3 ♢K72 ♣K2

W	N	E	S
No	1NT	No	2♣
No	2♡	No	5♠
No	6♠	No	No
No	—	—	—

Opening lead ♢Q

Declarer, one of the rabbits, won the trick with his ♢K and successfully finessed the ♠J. When the ♠Q fell on the next round of trumps, there was no further problem. As he wrote down the score, South turned to me. "Do you approve of my bidding?" I said I did not. There was a sequence which precisely described his hand. The bidding should have gone.

North	South
1NT	3♠
3NT	4♠

"As you have apparently overidden your partner's decision to play in no trumps", I went on, "there can only be one logical explanation. You must hold a hand that is too strong to bid 1NT—4♠; in other words, a good hand with a moderate six-card suit. Partner is invited to bid the slam if his hand contains controls and a strong doubleton trump."

"I'm so glad you *didn't* bid like that", North simpered, "I would have passed four spades without giving the matter a second thought."

South did not ask me my opinion of his play, which was equally misconceived. Superficially, it is an even money guess which way the spade is finessed. But if West has ♠Qxxx South has no chance. Whereas if East has the spade length, declarer can *normally still succeed by a trump reduction.*

North-South game. Dealer North.

North: ♠1076 ♡KQJ76 ♢AQ ♣983

West: ♠KQ5 ♡8 ♢K982 ♣AJ1052

East: ♠2 ♡9543 ♢J543 ♣KQ74

South: ♠AJ9843 ♡A102 ♢1076 ♣6

W	N	E	S
	No	No	1♠
2♣	2♡	3♣	3♡
No	4♡	No	No
No	—	—	—

Opening lead ♣2

I wish I could afford to pass hands as strong as North's.

Declarer took dummy's ♣A, cashed the ♡10 and played a second spade. East could see the danger of permitting West to hold the trick, but ruffing the spade and playing a trump would rely on West playing a foot-perfect defence. East decided that he must shorten dummy's trumps because if North had six hearts he would succeed by establishing the spades. Belatedly, North recognized that even if the hearts divided, he could not enjoy the long spades. However, if the King of Diamonds was right, another club ruff would give him ten tricks.

After some puffing and blowing, North scrambled home. "Well played!" said South. "Do you make the rubber 15?" North inquired.

Gloomily I reflected that if I had trumped the second spade, we would probably have defeated the contract. Then I realized that if declarer had played a club at trick two, there was no possible defence. "Lovely bidding, lovely play" and indifferent defence, I thought to myself with a rueful smile.

The Times Cook/Shona Crawford Poole

Seasonal salads

Summer salad days seem no nearer now than they did at the beginning of winter. The lettuces I saw this week were unappealing and expensive, tomatoes a tasteless extravagance, and the thought of the ubiquitous coleslaw downright tiresome. True, there is handsome imported asparagus to be had in some places, and dainty purple artichokes too. But for something crunchy to eat raw one has to look a little harder.

Some of the celery around at the moment is splendidly crisp and tasty, especially the earthy kind known in the trade as "dirty". Chopped up with apple and mixed with mayonnaise, celery makes a good salad to serve with cold ham or pork.

For first courses there are plenty of ingredients for traditional French *crudités*, selections of grated or chopped vegetables, each mixed with its own dressing. Serve small quantities of three or more varieties on individual plates. Alternatively, larger chunks of raw or blanched vegetables can be offered with one or more dressings to dip them in. Mix and match carrots, celery, cauliflower, sweet peppers, cucumber, mushrooms and spring onions with chicory or any crisp greenstuff.

Raw beetroot salad
Serves four to six

450 g (1 lb) raw beetroot
1 tablespoon wine vinegar
4 tablespoons light vegetable oil, peanut, sunflower or safflower
1 teaspoon sugar
Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Wear rubber gloves to prevent the beetroot staining your hands while you peel them with a sharp knife. Grate the raw beetroot very finely.

Combine the wine vinegar, oil and sugar and season the dressing to taste with salt and plenty of freshly ground black pepper. Stir the dressing into the grated beetroot and chill the salad for an hour or more before serving.

Celeriac salad
Serves four to six

450 g (1 lb) raw celeriac
4 tablespoons real mayonnaise
4 tablespoons double cream, whipped to soft peaks
1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
1 teaspoon dry English mustard
Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Bring about 600 ml (1 pint) of water to the boil in a medium sized saucepan. Peel the celeriac and cut it in thin slices. Immediately drop the sliced celeriac into the boiling water and blanch it for three minutes. Drain and dry the softened celeriac and cut the slices into narrow *julienne* strips.

Combine the mayonnaise, cream, lemon juice, mustard and salt and freshly ground black pepper and mix them well together. Add the celeriac and fold it into the dressing. Chill the salad for an hour or more before serving.

Cucumber salad
Serves four to six

1 medium sized cucumber
2 tablespoons salt
2 tablespoons white wine or cider vinegar
6 tablespoons light olive oil
½ teaspoon dry English mustard
½ teaspoon sugar
Freshly ground black pepper

Cut the cucumber into 7cm (3 inch) lengths and peel each section. Using an apple corer or small knife, remove the seedy centre to leave thick pipes of cucumber flesh. Slice the cucumber into rings about 3mm (⅛ inch) thick. The exact thickness is not crucial. Salt the sliced cucumber and set it aside for half an hour to drain.

Combine the vinegar oil, mustard, sugar and freshly ground black pepper and mix them well together.

Drain the cucumber rings and pat them dry. Toss them in the dressing to coat each slice. Chill the salad for two or three hours before serving.

Orange, onion and olive salad makes a summery tasting first course. The mixture sounds an odd one but it tastes delicious.

Orange salad
Serves six

6 juicy, thin skinned oranges
1 small, mild onion
110g (4 oz) small black olives, preferably Niçoise
Salt
Cayenne pepper
4 tablespoons olive oil

Use a very sharp knife to peel the oranges, taking off the pith and membrane at the same time. Cut the oranges in thin slices. Remove any pips and arrange the orange slices in a shallow dish. Peel the onion and either chop it finely or slice it in thin rings. Sprinkle the onion over the oranges. Niçoise olives are too difficult to stone, but if you are using any other kind, stoning them is an optional refinement. Scatter the olives over the oranges and onion.

Salt the mixture lightly because the olives will already be salty. Sprinkle it with a little cayenne pepper and dribble the olive oil over the surface. Serve immediately.

Chess/Harry Golombek

Juvenal denouement

Where, when and by whom chess was invented cannot exactly be determined. Guesses by the early historians had a margin of error of more than 2,000 years, and for its originator they relied on poetic myths.

No really scientific study was made until the late nineteenth century when the Dutchman (later to become German) Antonius van der Linde wrote three great books on the subject. Realizing the importance of the allusions to chess in Sanskrit literature, he placed the origin of chess in north-west India in the sixth century AD. In this he was followed and supported by the great English chess historian, H. J. R. Murray. Certainly the ancient Romans did not play chess and knew nothing about the game.

In my *History of Chess* I say that no earlier literary reference to chess exists than AD600. Now Mr Charles T. Geary of Springfield, Oregon, in the USA has sent me copies of pages from the English and Latin versions of *The Satires of Juvenal*, with interpretations and footnotes, "that indicate some reason to believe an early knowledge of chess than 600, because Juvenal was about AD 100".

He asks: "What will they think about this?" My reply in brief would be that I see no reason to change my mind since here we are concerned with an eighteenth century mistranslation of Juvenal.

But Mr Geary deserves a fuller answer if only because an annotator in his footnotes has made confusion worse confounded by further mistranslation. The relevant translation runs: "I have not even an ounce of ivory-look at my chessmen..." The Latin "adeo nulla uncia nobis est eboris, nec tessella nec calculus ex hac materia".

"The operative words are *tessellae* and *calculus*, the first the translator wrongly translates as "chessmen" and the second rightly as "dice". The annotator gets it wrong in both cases, saying *Tesellae*: probably, 'the squares of a chess board'. *Calculus*: 'chess-men'." actually...

The word *Tesserae* originally means small squares etc. I believe the annotator has confused it with *Tesserae* which does mean used as "dice," and of poetic license in *tessellae* and the words ... *Calculus*. *Calculus* is more interesting. The word was originally a small pebble or stone used for voting and then becoming finally, by an extension of purpose, a counter used for playing backgammon, a much older game than chess. The annotator has got it so wrong it seems, because he relied on far-flung suppositions in Latin dictionaries, themselves relying on previous Latin dictionaries going back to the eighteenth century and based on myths.

The Arabs were the first to make a scientific study of chess, but its form then was very different from that of today. Few games survive from those early times.

Consider the magnificent *Oxford Encyclopedia of Chess Games, Volume 1,1485-1866*, edited by David Levy & Kevin O'Connell (OUP, £35), which was published last year and claims to contain all the recorded games from 1485-1800 and all the significant games from 1800 to 1866.

All in all there are some 4,000 games, but those from 1485 to 1600 are contained in the first of the 527 pages and those from 1485 to 1700 in the first eight and a half pages. The price is high, but so is the content, and the presentation is neat and agreeable. The diagrams, however, I found miserable.

This cannot be said of Tony Gillam's *The New Chess Player*, (Adam & Charles Black, Vols 7, 8, and 9, each at £5.95).

Each volume is good value for money, and Volume 10 is expected in March. From Volume 9 I give a brevity won by Speelman at Berlin in 1980.

White: Bouwmeester. Black: Speelman. Catalan System.

1	P-Q4	N-KB3
2	P-QB4	P-K3
3	P-KN3	P-Q4
4	B-N2	B-K2
5	N-KB3	O-O
6	O-O	PxP
7	Q-B2	P-QR3
8	QxP	P-QN4
9	Q-B2	B-N2
10	B-B4	

Instead of this move Speelman suggests in his notes in the book 10.B-Q2.

10	...	N-B3
11	QN-Q2	

If 11.R-Q1, N-QN5 is very strong.

11	...	N-Q4
12	N-N3	NxB
13	PxN	N-N5
14	Q-B3	

A weak move; correct was Q-N1 as suggested by Speelman.

14	...	B-K5
15	P-QR3	

Pushing the Knight to where it wants to go; instead he could still have equalised by 15.N-K5.

15	...	N-Q4
16	Q-Q2	B-Q3
17	P-K3	P-KB4
18	N-K1	

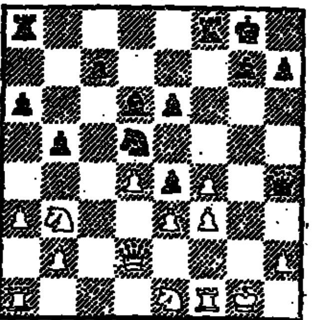
This Knight move facilitates Black's attack.

18	...	Q-R5
19	BxB	

Against 19.P-B3, Speelman gives 19..., N×BP; 20.P×N, KB×BP; 21.Q×B, Q×Q; 22.P×B, Q-K6 ch.

19	...	PxB
20	P-B3	

(Position after 20 P-B3)



20	...	Q-R6
21	PxP	NxKP
22	R-B3	Q-N5 ch resigns

Since after 23 K-R1, B×BP White's resistance crumbles against such threats as Q-R4 followed by N-N5.

Unit Trust Prices—change on the week

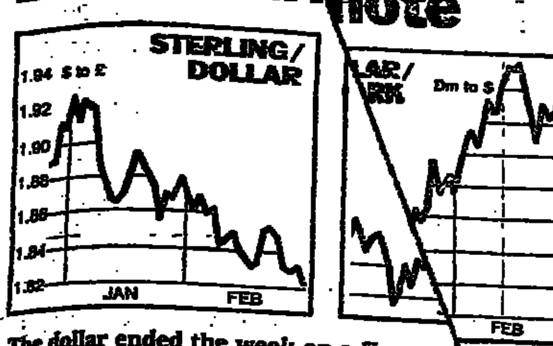
This table is published on Wednesday and Saturday—FT index change on week 547.3 - 15.0 (2.7%)

Authorized Unit Trusts

Prev W'end Offer	Ch'ge on Week	Trust	Bid	Current Offer	Yield
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BUSINESS NEWS

Dollar's firm note



The dollar ended the week on a firm note [illegible] high of DM2.39. It was helped by the [illegible] to day's United States interest rates may not fall [illegible] view that the time being. The pound rallied from the further for $1.8145 but sentiment continues to be affected by low of soft oil price. At the weekly tender the Treasury bill rate fell from 13.62 to 13.28 per cent.

Fraser to see panel

Sir Hugh Fraser, who severed links with his Fraser family business on Thursday, says he will go to Takeover Panel next week over selling the 4.4 per cent of Britain's largest stores group. He revealed last night that he had received one approach for his stake in Harrods group where trading group Lonrho already has 29.9 per cent and is anxious to resume a takeover. Sir Hugh said: "The approach was from a London source. That's all I'm saying." The price offered is believed to be 165p a share, a penny less than last night's closing Stock Market price.

Engineering orders fall

Engineering orders won by United Kingdom companies fell by 16 per cent in the three months to the end of last November, according to government statistics. After a surge of export orders in August, new overseas business fell by 22.5 per cent over the following three months.

MARKET SUMMARY

Dismal close to account

LONDON EXCHANGE

FT Index 547.3, down 4.5
FT gilts 66.39, down 0.47
FT all-share 316.89, down 3.02
Bargains 21,885

Shares of British Aerospace were a weak market yesterday, falling 8p to 175p amid reports of a forthcoming bearish circular from brokers Scrimgeour-Kemp Gee.

According to market sources the group may face Inland Revenue scrutiny over its research and development costs which at present are taken above the line.

At this level the shares stand at the initial price of 175p offered when the shares came to market a year ago.

Shares in Sangers Group, the lossmaking pharmaceuticals company in which financier Mr Tom Whyte has built up a substantial stake, have been suspended at 46p pending an announcement by the company early next week.

The group made losses of more than £1m in the half year to August and is expected to announce the sale of a big part of its business.

If Mr Whyte, the former head of the crashed Triumph Investment Trust, decides to sell it will be at a loss. When he first started buying shares in September they stood at more than 80p.

Elsewhere Amersham International provided one of the few bright spots as the account ended in dismal fashion after the Prime Minister had apparently dashed hopes of a tax cutting budget.

As the political wrangling continued Amersham rose 5p to 194p and the shares now stand at a 52 premium to their issue price.

The FT Index drifted down throughout the day, closing 4.5 off at 547.3 — a fall on the account of 23.2. With the fall in sterling and the prospect of further pressure on sterling if forecasts of a further slump in demand for oil continues, gilts ended a quiet day with falls of £½.

Further reflection of the previous day's statement slipped 2p from ICI at 326p while there were losses of 10p apiece for Blue Circle at 480p reflecting the group's Mexican currency problems, and Thorn EMI at 443p after substantial selling in the electricals sector which has recently gone out of favour.

But after weakness prompted by talk that profit forecasts were being revised down and that money would be needed to support its Hongkong operation, BSR the record changer group returned to favour, up 2p at 78p.

This followed the announcement by management that it was to cut capacity by closing a factory in the West Midlands with the loss of 600 jobs and transfer a further 450 to neighbouring plants.

These plants have been on a three-day week since last October, but the remainder of the group is working normally and the management says that planned expansion in the Far East is on course.

An outstanding feature in the market was the sharp fall at Gill & Duffus 23p off at 143p after the down grading of profit forecasts. This prompted falls in other overseas traders, with Inchape 7p off at 301p but Lonrho was unchanged at 74p.

Trading news gave a 5½p boost to Celtic Haven at 19p after record first half figures.

But ahead of results on Monday Barclays Bank shed 5p to 481p, while Royal Insurance, which is expected to suffer increased underwriting losses as a result of the bad weather in January, shed 7p to 351p.

Speculative interest was given to Guinness Peat after recent board changes, and the shares put on 5p to 63p.

Vickers rose 1p to 165p after a line of 500,000 shares went through the market. The cleaning group Sketchley suffered a 16p fall to 272p after news of its planned £22m acquisition in the United States. Meanwhile, European Ferries slipped 1p to 81p after disclosing its plans for a £50 property deal in the United States.

Huntley and Palmer fell 5p to 102p as hopes of a counter to the Rowntree bid receded. Another recent bid favourite, Ductile Steel, was also down, shedding 8p to 116p in the absence of any news.

House of Fraser shares reached 172p in early trading on talk that there would be a new takeover attempt by Lonrho but finally slipped to 166p, a net 2p fall.

With the exception of interest over the Charterhouse bid for CCP North Sea, oils were again weak with Shell falling 10p to 336p and continued rights issue speculation pushing Ultramar down 12p to 378p ahead of figures next week.

Gold shares ended with losses of about a dollar, reflecting the depressed bullion price, while tin mining shares reflected the depressed commodity price.

Shares of Kwik Fit hit a new low of 44p, down 1p after strength surrounding its acquisition of former Firestone tyre depots last year, but with no figures due until May and trade reported as reasonable it appears to be simply lack of interest. North-East based food and drink retailer Amos Hinton remained buoyant at 320p, its 1981-82 high.

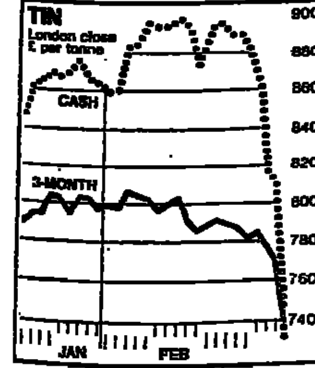
After hours trading remained quiet, with a slight rally in oils but banks, insurances and properties remaining at their closing positions.

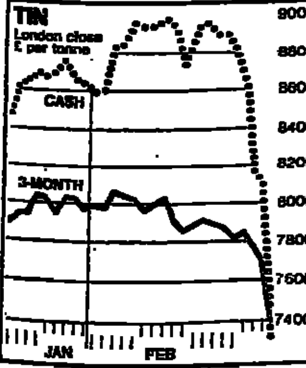
Equity turnover on February 25 was £192,763m.

Gareth David

COMMODITIES

● Tin was held at around yesterday morning's support levels by continued consumer buying and intervention by the International Tin Council buffer stock, traders said. But closing prices were still sharply down on the day with cash at £7,140 a tonne and three months at £7,150 on the kerb registering losses of around £350.





● Zinc prices held steady yesterday afternoon on light shortcovering prompted by lack of a downward price reaction to news that United States producer Asarco had cut its zinc price by two cents per lb, dealers said. Three-months ended the afternoon kerb at £439.50, a loss of £1.50 stg from the previous afternoon's kerb close.

● European cocoa dealers have been awarded settlements totalling $31m after taking series of disputes with Ghana to arbitration. Most of the disputes concerned the low quality of Ghana cocoa over the last two seasons. The settlements are mainly discounts on previously agreed contract prices. London cocoa sources said that some Ghana cocoa has been the lowest quality for 20 years. The discounts have ranged up to 15 per cent of £200 a tonne off contract prices. Ghana is making renewed efforts to move cocoa from upcountry areas where it is deteriorating.

OTHER EXCHANGES

Tokyo: Nikkei Dow Jones average 7,548.51, down 31.94
Hongkong: Hang Seng index 1,271.60, up 6.60

MONEY MARKETS

● Rates held steady. The Bank of England bought £486m of bills at unchanged rates, having raised its shortage forecast from £300m to £450m.

Domestic rates:
base rates 13½
3-month interbank 14 1/16-14
Euro-currency rates
3-month dollar 14 13/16-15 1/16
3-month DM 10 1/16-9 15/16
3-month Fr.F. 15⅞-15¾

Furore over Amersham puts BNOC issue in doubt

By Jonathan Davis and Ronald Pullen

The furore over the Amersham share sale has created new doubts whether the Government will be able to complete the planned flotation of shares in the British National Oil Corporation this year.

The Government's financial advisers, already worried about the success of the issue in the light of tumbling world oil prices and the continuing depressed level of oil shares, feel that the political rumpus over Amersham has now made their task even harder.

One said last night that the chances of the BNOC issue being completed before the end of 1982 were now only marginally greater than 50 per cent. The Government has been working towards a sale of 51 per cent of the shares in BNOC's exploration and development activities in a new company called BritOil.

The Government's problem is that a fixed price offer for employees similar to the one used for Amersham — is the most obvious method of handling the BNOC flotation, given the size of the issue. The [illegible] still £750m [illegible] last summer although hopes [illegible] could [illegible] that the shares [illegible] the market [illegible] £1,000m on [illegible] with the fall [illegible] evaporated [illegible] oil prices.

A tender [illegible] is inconceivable [illegible] £750m and [illegible] of between [illegible] according to most City experts [illegible] option, such as [illegible] other combined tender [illegible] form of [illegible] price offer [illegible] fixed breaking new ground [illegible] mean issue that is already likely to be the largest the [illegible] has ever handled. That [illegible] considered unfeasible.

N. M. Rothschild, which advised the Government on Amersham, is also advising BNOC on the oil issue. The Government is being advised by S. G. Warburg.

Rothschild, was still smarting yesterday at the avalanche of criticism over the pricing of the Amersham issue.

On the stock market Amersham moved up 5½p to 194p in another day of fairly active trading. Against the price of 142p at which the shares were first offered to investors, this represents more than £24m of revenue lost to the Government and has aroused bitter recriminations in Parliament and Whitehall about City profiteering and led to Commons demands for an inquiry into the sale.

Mr Michael Richardson, Rothschild's head of corporate finance, is adamant that there was no real alternative to the conventional offer for sale method if the shareholdings were to be spread as widely as the Government wanted.

Rothschild said that with hindsight it believes the issue was underpriced but that given that the company had a flat five-year record except for the recent profits jump due almost entirely to the strength of sterling the bank still feels that the idea of selling it on 19 times earnings was ambitious.

There were only 150 applications, for more than a million shares and these were scaled back to 35,000 shares each. This would have ensured an £18,000 profit, although the loss of interest on £1m for a week as a result of subscribing to the issue would have more than wiped out that profit. Most small investors "stagging" the issue will have been lucky to make £50 each.

● The Rothschild family is shifting Rothschild Continuation, its United Kingdom holding company, to Switzerland to enable it to expand internationally.

Sales of shares in public [illegible] for companies since May 1979

	Value £m	Merchant bank
1979-80		
British Petroleum	27	—
Drake and Scull Holdings		
Suez Finance	22	J. Henry Schroder Wagg
1980-81		—
British Aerospace	43	Kleinwort, Benson
1981-82		
British Sugar Corporation	44	Lazard Brothers
Cable & Wireless*	184	Kleinwort, Benson
Amersham International	64	N. M. Rothschild and Sons
National Freight Company	6(est)†	J. Henry Schroder Wagg

* Before deduction of VAT and stamp duty.
† Gross proceeds total £53.5m, before payments of [illegible] £47.3m to replace pension fund deficiencies.

New Express group hopes to break even

By Philip Robins

Dealings in the shares of new publishing company Fleet Holdings, which includes Express newspapers, are expected to start next Thursday following details of its separation from parent group Trafalgar House last night.

Trafalgar shareholders will be offered one new share in Fleet for every four they hold in Trafalgar.

But the new group — which will publish the *Daily Express*, *Sunday Express*, *Daily Star*, Morgan-Grampian magazines and the *South Wales Argus* weekly newspaper chain — will not include Trafalgar's half share in London's sole evening newspaper, *The Standard*.

Lord Matthews, £20,000 a year chairman of Fleet, could not get joint owners of *The Standard*, arch rivals Associated Newspapers headed by Lord Rothermere, to agree on the transfer of the stake.

Fifty per cent of the paper will thus remain with Trafalgar, but Lord Matthews says it is the intention to transfer the shareholding into Fleet "should that become practical".

In the year to last September business within Fleet made pretax profits of £6.9m on sales of £242.3m. But for the nine months to the end of next June Fleet is predicting that it might just break even. The directors, headed by the accountant Mr Ian Irvine, say they cannot forecast a specific dividend for the same period. They state: "The directors intend to pay such dividends as are consistent with the prudent management of the group's resources."

Trafalgar has put £15m cash in Fleet and subscribed for £15m of loan stock which converts into 35 per cent of the ordinary shares if a takeover bid is launched for the company.

It has been widely rumoured that Mr Jocelyn Stevens, who left as Express Newspapers' managing director last November with a £130,000 golden handshake, may have canvassed financial backing for a bid for the group.

Dealing on the London Metal Exchange.

Tin price fall angers LME

By Michael Prest

Tin prices continued their nosedive yesterday, provoking anger among dealers on the London Metal Exchange and confusion as to the motives of the operator who supported the market until the beginning of the week.

Cash tin closed at £7,195 a tonne, £190 down on the day and no less than £1,690 below the price prevailing a week ago. Three months tin, which at the end of last week was £1,000 less than cash metal, ended yesterday £55 higher than cash tin, also a fall of £190.

The collapse followed a similar decline overnight on the Penang market Tin prices there suffered the single sharpest fall in the market's history from M$33 a kilogramme to M$29.15 a kilogramme (£7,900 a tonne to £7,017 a tonne) and like London prices reached their lowest for eight months.

Some dealers welcomed the collapse, despite the hectic trading which ensued, because it decisively ended fears of a squeeze, and gave consumers a chance to return to the market. Others were worried that the mystery buyer had changed tacticsand by allowing the price to fall was forcing the International Tin Agreement buffer stock manager to buy metal.

Heavy buying of tin started last July when the cash price was about £6,000 a tonne. The buyer is widely believed to be a producer group headed by Malaysia. In November the operator switched from buying forward contracts to cash contracts and the market went into a backwardation where the cash price is higher than the forward. The group is thought to have spent more than £400m

Some users of the market went short in November, convinced that prices were being held artificially high. As the delivery dates loomed at the end of this week the LME authorities took action to avert a corner.

In the event, the buying stopped, and trading yesterday was characterized by persistent and agressive forward selling of up to 10,000 tonnes of metal. Dealers were confused because they argued that selling in such quantity could only come from the support buyer.

LME members said that the fall would have been worse if the ITA buffer stock manager had not bought tin. Yesterday's Penang price was the agreement floor price, at which the manager is forced to intervene. If he buys more than 5,000 tonnes import controls are introduced.

Gill and Duffus revises forecast

By Our Financial Staff

Gill & Duffus, one of London's leading commodity brokers, said yesterday that its 1981 pretax profits would be between £2.5m and £4m lower that the £16m forecast last October. The board said it would maintain the final dividend at 6.86p gross, but the shares fell by 23p to 143p.

The shares began falling this week after stock market rumours that the company had lost money in the tumultuous tin market. But it said yesterday that losses from tin trading were unlikely to exceed £500,000."

It is stressed that this loss does not result from Gill & Duffus taking positions for itself in the tin market. The problem arose from clients having unmatched positions which Gill & Duffus could not cover at the price agreed with clients without paying the £120 tonne premium allowed by the London Metal Exchange authorities.

In common with other brokers, Gill & Duffus has taken the losses on to its own books rather then pass them on to clients.

More important in the downgrading of the profit forecast is an ill-fated sortie into the American money markets. Gill & Duffus Securities, an American subsidiary, is estimated to have lost £1.5m and will be closed in the next fortnight. Half amount will be taken into the profit and loss account for 1981.

Gill & Duffus also revealed that losses from unauthorized commodity trading in Hongkong, which were discovered last October, are thought to be £7m, about £1m more than originally estimated. At the same time, trading by an American chemicla company and a Brazilian coffee exporting business have fallen "substantially short of budgeted expectations."

The group made profits of £20.6m in 1979 and £23.1m in the following year. At the beginning of this week the share price was 176p.

ACC refuses to name who ordered £1m jet

By Our Financial Staff

Associated Communications Corporation, formerly headed by Lord Grade and now controlled by the Australian businessman Mr Robert Holmes à Court, has discovered who ordered the $2m (£1.09m) Cessna jet for its Jetsave offshoop without the approval of the board.

Mr Holmes à Court declined to name the main board director who placed the order but said that talks for its disposal are at an advanced stage.

The order was placed last summer when Lord Grade was chairman and Mr Jack Gill was deputy chairman of Jetsave. Its managing director, Mr Reginald Pycroft, has said he had no knowlege of the order and wanted nothing to do with it.

ACC's merchant bankers, Standard Chartered, is likely to seek Takeover Panel approval next week for the sale of two of its assets, the Classic Cinema chain — valued in excess of £7m — and the Airport Park Hotel in Los Angeles. Panel approval is required because Mr Holmes à Court's Bell Group is bidding for ACC.

N Sea price cut nears

North Sea oil prices are expected to be cut early next week, industry sources said yesterday as Mexico cut its oil prices by $2.50 a barrel and the International Energy Agency predicted a further drop in world oil demand. The British National Oil Corporation was still considering its response last night to formal requests from Shell and BP for another reduction in North Sea prices, after the $1.50 a barrel cut 2½ weeks ago. But it is likely to concede a cut of at least $2 a barrel in the next few days, with the possibility of a further reduction when second quarter contracts come up for renewal

The Mexican move, which will bring its light crude oil down to $32.50 a barrel, will increase the pressure on BNOC since the two oils are of roughly similar quality. Mexican oil is now markedly cheaper than its North Sea equivalent, which is still officially priced at $35 a barrel.

The International Energy Agency, which represents most western industrialized countries, said that world oil demand was running at about 7 per cent below its level this time last year.

Allnutt cracks a business problem

By Margareta Pagano

Mr Roger Allnutt is so convinced of the efficacy of his "Alternative Business Thinking" that he offers to refund the £639 fee to anyone who can prove that he is not at least 20 per cent more effective in his business life after completing a three-day course. But Mr Allnutt aged 30; is sure he is on to a winner,

"I am a gambling man. I believe the course will enhance a business executive's performance which can be measured in terms of turnover, sales, profits or savings made," he says.

His own performance, and that of his company, Rutter-Allnutt Management Services, has improved by 43 per cent since last September when he started practising himself the principles he is now offering to the business community at large.

The course, run in a secluded hotel in the Cotswolds, is based on the principle that it is no good finding techniques to improve the monetary targets an executive sets himself, but to improve executives themselves.

This is to be achieved by giving them a sense of well-being, free from the symptons of our time such as strees, lethargy and apathy induced by the harassments of the business world.

Mr Allnutt, who has run his company in partnership with his wife for three years, believes this can be found in the soothing medley of astrology, homeopathy, the art of relaxation and mind dynamics.

Similar courses have been run in the United States for some time and it was attending one that gave Mr Allnutt his original spur to set up a service here.

"I found their course far too esoteric but realized the value of what was being done," he says.

Last October he set about orgnizing his own course with guest speakers who include Dr Robin Prysor-Jones, who runs a private homeopathic practice and assists at the Royal Homeopathic Hospital in London, and other specialists on each topic.

So far the three pilot courses booked for March and April have found enthusiasm from a variety of organizations and companies.

Between the talks and lectures delegates are invited to have personal consultations with both the resident astrologers and homeopathists. He believes astrology is invaluable because it is able to identify personal strengths and weaknesses and so situations which would highlight or expose those weaknesses can then be avoided.

Mr Allnutt, says the next project he wants to float is a one-day seminar for women who are suffering increasingly, he believes, from malaises such as agoraphobia.

Dry cleaning giant back on the expansion trail

Sketchley in £22m US deal

By Our Financial Staff

Sketchley, the High Street chain of dry cleaners, has launched its first overseas move with a $40.6m (£22.2m) deal taking it into the United States workwear and linen rental business.

Sketchley, through its United States subsidiary, is buying Means Inc., a quoted company based in Chicago. Means launders and hires out linen and garments through 18 states, mainly the Midwest, and employs 3,500. The Means board has unofficially approved the deal and expects to recommend it to shareholders by March 15 after a formal investigation into Sketchley's finances.

This is Sketchley's first expansion drive since the abortive Greaseaters venture two years ago, which cost it £2m, and the drive follows the group's stated strategy of pushing into workwear and industrial rental concerns, at home and abroad, for future growth. Workwear rental and servicing provide the main bulk of Sketchley's profits in Britain.



Wightman: Two weeks to tie up deal

The group is offering $33 each for the 1.22m Means shares and is financing the deal by a placing of 4m shares of 25p each at 255p to raise £10.2m before expenses. The balance, £12m, is through a dollar loan with International Westminster Bank. Sketchley has no borrowings so this brings its debt gearing ratio up to 55 per cent.

With the news came a forecast of Sketchley's pretax profits for the year to April 1982 of not less than £6.9m. This is at the top end of forecasts made last year when it made profits of £5.2m. A final dividend of 10.42p gross, making a total of 15p, is proposed but failed to cheer with the shares which fell 15p to 273p. Increased profits, despite bad winter trading, are still coming through from greater efficiency and tight cash control.

Mr Gerald Wightman, chairman, said the last year had been spent searching the United States for the right acquisition but it was only on February 1 that Means was chosen. The deal then took two weeks to conclude, he said.

Which unit trusts to go for, and why

In the face of falling interest rates — bank deposit rates came down 1 per cent on Wednesday — it is tempting for fixed interest investors to start looking around for greener pastures.

Unit Trust Association figures indicate that unit trust investors have done better over the past five years than building society investors — though in some instances by such a small margin you would be forgiven for taking the view that the improved return was not worth the much greater risk.

The table shows the current value of £1,000 invested in the median unit trust in various sectors over five, ten and fifteen years. The median trust is the one which comes exactly half way in performance terms, between the top of the table and the bottom. It is therefore not necessarily a clear indicator of how the average unit trust investor has fared.

What the table reveals is the importance of timing in equity investment.

Over the five-year period all sectors of the market outperformed a building society investment except European funds, gilt funds and preference share units. This reflects the fact that five years ago stock markets were still recovering from the collapse of 1974/75 and any movement in share prices was likely to be up.

Moving to the ten year figures, the picture is not nearly so bright for units. Only four sectors out of the 12 managed to outperform building society investments — notably income funds, Far Eastern funds, commodity and financial funds. This is because in 1971/72 stockmarkets were relatively buoyant and investors lost money over the 1972 to 74 period.

So where should investors be looking now? Those experts who are prepared to back their choices with hard cash always sound the most believable, and Mark St Giles, Chairman of the Unit Trust Association reveals that he ismoving into America. The Dow Jones index ended 1981 some 9.2 per cent down on the twelve month period and has fallen a further six per cent since then.

He believes that American shares are now cheap and even if the market falls a little further, they are still a good buy.

Stuart Goldsmith of Britannia takes a similar view opting for Britannia's American Smaller Companies Fund and the Managed Currency Fund. Though in the short term he believes that Britain still has some steam left in it.

"We are optimistic about the UK, but you have to remember that it is at a high point. Although we think it is likely to do better over the next three months than the overseas markets. Longer term the fundamental value of shares in the United States is much better than in the UK." Surprisingly, Britannia has taken most money this year into its Gold and General Fund with over £1m flooding in from small investors since January 1.

Audrey Head of Hill Samuel stands by her New Year predictions, recommending Europe and the gilt market. "Not the UK equity market which we think is running ahead too fast," she says. "We think Japan is expensive though the yen may still have some way to go and although the US market is cheap, it may still have some way to fall."

Having chosen the sector, the next problem is which trusts to buy. There is no shortage of advice — fund managers, stockbrokers, insurance brokers, investment advisers and unit trust advisers will all make recommendations.

A useful chart survey had just been produced covering all unit trust launches to December 1981, analysing which funds within a sector have consistently outperformed, or underperformed, relative to a sector index. It is aimed at the professional adviser but if you can get hold of a copy it provides useful indicators on how to avoid the real losers, if not pointing out the winners.

The survey is called Fund Monitor and is available by subscription at £105 for four quarterly issues, or £35 for a single issue, from Fund Monitor, Whitehall, Chapel Street, Exning, Newmarket CB8 7HB.

UNIT TRUST PERFORMANCE

	*Current Value of £1,000 invested 5 year	10 years	15 years
	£	£	£
Median Fund			
General	2,102	2,036	4,473
Growth	2,108	1,931	3,550
Income	1,867	2,221	4,293
N. American	1,695	1,489	2,499
Far Eastern	2,050	2,912	4,679
European	1,453	1,514	2,614
International	1,818	2,045	3,386
Commodity & Energy	2,389	2,715	4,687
Financial & Property	2,239	2,715	4,687
Investment Trust Units	2,000	1,678	3,702
Preference Share Units	1,305	1,374	1,465
Gilt	1,270		
Building Society	1,498	2,078	2,642

*net income reinvested.
Source: Unit Trust Association



Mr James Haswell, Insurance Ombudsman

Tales of woe for the ombudsman

More than 1,500 insurance policyholders have been in touch with the Insurance Ombudsman during the first nine months of his existence, complaining about everything from unsettled household insurance claims to inability to get response at all from their insurance company.

Among the problems dealt with by the ombudsman were disputes over the pre-accident value of a crashed car, whether a ceramic glass cooker hob was covered by a household contents policy, and advice that damage to hide covered furniture caused by a dog's teeth is not "impact damage".

Predictably household buildings and contents policies provoked the biggest number of inquiries closely followed by motor insurance disputes. But of the 1,500-odd inquiries, only 441 concerned the 44-member companies of the Ombudsman's Bureau. Complaints made against other companies are outside his jurisdiction, though a letter from the ombudsman always contains specific advice on where to go for help.

However, the fact that so many complaints fall outside his jurisdiction clearly illustrates the need for an industrywide service — if necessary with statutory teeth. The Life Offices Association has recommended its members to join either the Ombudsman Bureau or the rival organisation, PIAS, Personal Insurance Arbitration Service.

But anyone with a complaint against an insurance company would do well to tink twice before approaching PIAS. A policyholder who wants a dispute heard by PIAS, first has to obtain the consent of the insurance company (not a very satisfactory state of affairs). If the insurer agrees to go to arbitration, the policyholder has to agree to be bound by the arbitrator's decision and forfeits any right to pursue his case through the courts.

Policyholders who consult the Ombudsman are under no such constraint, can consult him freely and are not bound to accept his decision (though most do). If you have a complaint which has not been dealt with satisfactorily by your insurance company (and always try writing to the chief executive first) you can contact the ombudsman at; The Insurance Ombudsman Bureau, 31 Southampton Row, London WC1B 5HJ.

Alliance extra interest to woo the customer

Alliance Building Society is the latest to offer improved terms on its "extra interest" account. Hardly a day passes without either a bank or building society offering some new incentive to entice customers across the threshold.

From March 1, Alliance is increasing the differential over the ordinary share rate offered on its "extra interest" account. It used to be 1.25 per cent above the ordinary share rate (currently 9.75 per cent but likely to come down in March) but from next month it will rise to 1.5 per cent above the ordinary share rate giving a return at current rates of 11.25 per cent, basic rate tax paid.

Alliance is also improving the withdrawal facility making money available on two months' notice instead of three, and there is no loss of interest or penalty if the requisite notice is given. Alternatively money can be withdrawn instantly with two months loss of interest on the amount withdrawn.

This move by Alliance is no doubt intended to head off any possibility of mass withdrawals when the now inevitable cut in both investment and mortgage rates is announced by the building societies on March 12.

Halifax is also working on improvements to its "extra interest account" and will be revealing details on Monday. Improvements are likely to be along similar lines to those announced by the Alliance.

It is not hard to see why the societies are fighting so fiercely to hang on to their customers. National Savings has been a powerful force in the savings market, and the banks have been poaching borrowing customers left, right and centre.

National Westminster Bank announced this week a cut in its mortgage rate from 15 per cent to 14.5 per cent, making its home loans the cheapest on offer.

On the mortgage front the building societies have retaliated offering 100 per cent loans. Bristol and West is prepared to lend 100 per cent of the purchase price to first-time buyers who are in regular employment and with what Bristol and West emphatically describe as "prospects of advancement". And this week London and Manchester Assurance launched a scheme offering top-up loans in conjunction with a building society loan up to 100 per cent of purchase price.

There is, however, a catch with the London and Manchester scheme. The top-up loan is at a *fixed* rate of 16.5 per cent and must be linked to a *non-profit* endowment (generally one of the worst buys in the insurance world). In addition the main building society loan has to be linked to a London and Manchester "low-cost" or full endowment policy.

But the coup of the week was pulled off by Leicester Building Society which [illegible]ily pipped the Abbey [illegible] at the post with [illegible] nouncement of a lin[illegible] up with Citibank to offer fu[illegible] banking facilities to Leic[illegible]er customers. Abbey ha[illegible] made all the running in th[illegible] area and is currently wor[illegible]ng hard to get its own sche[illegible]e off the stocks.

Leicester has moved into American style "one stop" financial services in a big way. Customers of Leicester will be able to have a Citibank current account [illegible] bank Savings [illegible] 9 per cent interest on balances and charge only 10p for every cheque drawn.

In addition, customers will be able to cash their Citibank cheques at any of Leicester's 87 branches, while Leicester is prepared to transfer money from the building society account into the Citibank account at no cost.

The Citibank Savings account works like a cross between a current account and a subscription account. A monthly amount is regularly paid into the account from a customer's Leicester Building Society account. Cheques can be written on the account and credit of up to 30 times the monthly payment obtained. Provided [illegible] do not become overdrawn this is a useful arrangement. Citibank Savings is, however an expensive place to borrow with real interest rates on personal loans of around 27 per cent.

"First signs are very encouraging", commented Leicester's chief executive, Mr Scot Durward. "We have been giving away a lot of application forms in the branches."

Abbey National hopes to launch its long-awaited cheque book facility some time in May or June this year. How long the other societies can afford to stand aloof remains to be seen.

Lorna Bourke

Cashing in on foreign currencies

Foreign exchange markets are feeling thoroughly shaken. Judging where to put cash in the hope of making a capital gain is an act nearer gambling than usual.

"At least if you put your money in dollars there is a good yield. So, if the currency is not higher when you get out, at least you will have gained something," said one foreign exchange dealer, struggling to be helpful.

The odds are on the dollar being the strongest currency while United States interest rates are thought to be on an upward trend. That, on the other hand, is a *difficult* matter to determine. Paul Volcker, who as chairman of the Federal Reserve Board is in charge of interest rates, is running a stricter monetary policy than Mrs Thatcher ever tried. Rates follow the magic Friday afternoon figures on the money supply — and until last Friday they showed there was vastly more money swilling around than the Government wanted.

Last Friday the money supply figures dipped down towards the Government's targets. But Mr Volcker very soon stopped any celebrations, and said it would be difficult to assume interest rates would continue to fall in the near term.

Markets have already decided that at some stage soon there will be a large credit crunch. President Reagan will not raise taxes, and he wants vastly increased defence spending, which he estimates puts his Budget deficit at just over $90 billion. Sceptics say he is banking on too much growth in the economy, and guesses range up to $150 billion for the actual out-turn. At the same time the big corporations need to raise funds.

The Japanese adamantly refuse to raise their interest rates, because they want to give a boost to consumer spending and economic growth at home. The gap between Japanese and United States interest rates is 9 per cent.

And sterling? Still supported by high interest rates — only 1 per cent below those for the dollars in the Euro markets.

All in all currency speculation should carry a financial health warning.

Easing the hardship of back-tax

To err is human — even Inspectors of Taxes make mistakes. The taxpayer who provides the Inland Revenue with all the relevant information may assume that his affairs are in order.

But this is not necessarily so, and if the Revenue has made a mistake, the law allows an assessment to be made up to six years after the end of the relevant tax year — or longer if the taxpayer has been guilty of some irregularity.

An unexpected demand for unpaid tax comes as a nasty shock, but if the arrears are due to a mistake by the Revenue, it may be possible to obtain a waiver of some or all of the tax owing.

Following publication of a government White Paper, a system of compensation was introduced in 1971 whereby those on low incomes who suffer hardship as a result of the Revenue's mistake are entitled in certain circumstances to remission of part or all of the arrears.

There clearly had to be some rule of thumb for determining the degree of "hardship" which a particular taxpayer was likely to suffer. So a number of income bands were established, and the remission to which a taxpayer is entitled depends on which band his income falls into.

The White Paper stated that remission would be granted only where arrears of tax arose "because of a departmental error which involved the failure to make *proper and timely use* of information about his income or personal circumstances supplied by the taxpayer so that he could *reasonably believe* that his affairs were in order".

It is important to note that the onus is still fairly and squarely on the taxpayer to supply the information in the first place, and he must "reasonably believe" his affairs are in order.

Remission applies where arrears of tax are discovered on or after July 14, 1971. The original income bands are shown in the table.

A taxpayer was considered to have "significant capital resources" if his investment income was £250 a year or more. If the taxpayer's income was £3,000 a year or over there was no remission regardless of whether he had significant capital.

The White Paper acknowledged that the application of the income bands was a rough-and-ready way of assessing "hardship", and mentioned two kinds of case to which special consideration would be given. The first was the taxpayer with large family responsibilities whose income was just above the normal limit for full or partial remission, the second the person whose investment income did not represent *realisable* capital (e.g. an annuity).

The basic principles laid down in 1971 remain much the same ten years later and are published as an extra-statutory concession. But, as the table shows, the income rate bands used to assess "hardship" have changed no less than four times, in 1974, 1977, 1979 and 1981. A significant relaxation took place in 1979 when the investment income restriction was abolished. It has not been reintroduced.

Over the years, the table of income bands has become less of a "blunt instrument". There are now five bands within which some degree of remission is available in place of the two introduced in 1971. From March 20, 1981 there has also been an important concession for older taxpayers.

The gross income limits in each band are increased by £2,000 where, at the date of notification of the arrears, the taxpayer was at least 65-years-old, or in receipt of a state retirement or widow's pension.

Remission is available only where there has been substantial delay on the Revenue's part. In practice, it is not normally given where the Revenue has acted on information within 12 months (or, in cases involving PAYE, by the end of the tax year following the one in which the information was provided).



Any taxpayer who thinks he may be entitled to remission will want to know which of the five columns in the table is relevant. This used to depend on the date of notification (to the taxpayer or his agent) that the taxpayer was eligible for remission. But from March 20, 1981 there has been a minor change of practice, and one now looks at the date of notification of the actual or likely amount of the arrears. Check your "date of notification", and you should be able to identify the column that applies to you.

It makes no difference when the arrears arose, provided that the basic condition of substantial Revenue delay is met.

The "gross income" is strictly that of the tax year in which the date of notification falls, but for practical reasons the income of the preceding year is normally used unless a fall in the level of the taxpayer's income is expected - for instance, on retirement.

"Gross income" is not necessarily the same as income assessable for tax purposes. It is arrived at by means of a special calculation which permits only certain specific deductions.

The normal procedure is for the inspector to write to the taxpayer setting out the arrears that have come to light, and the amount of remission he considers to be due. *He* will also consider any representations made by the taxpayer.

But if the taxpayer still feels that he hasn't had a fair hearing, it is always open to him to draw the matter to the attention of his MP.

Michael Koppel

PERCENTAGE REMISSION OF TAX AT VARYING INCOME LEVELS ◆

	Date of notification to taxpayer of tax owing				
	14.7.71-1.7.74 £	2.7.74-29.3.77 £	30.3.77-6.11.79 £	7.11.79-19.3.81‡ £	20.3.81- £
100%	0-1,499	0-1,999	0-2,999	0-3,999	0-6,000
75%	—	—	—	—	—
* 50%	1,500-2,999	2,000-3,999	3,000-5,999	4,000-5,999	6,001-8,000
25%	—	—	—	6,000-7,999	8,001-10,000
10%	—	—	—	8,000-9,999	10,001-12,500
Nil	3,000-	4,000-	6,000-	—	12,501-17,500
				10,000-	17,501-
* subject to an investment income limit of—	250	325	500	—	—

‡ The income limits in this column are increased by £2,000 where the taxpayer is 65 or over, or in receipt of a state retirement or widow's pension at the date of notification.
◆ The percentage remission is calculated on the basis of the income thresholds operating in the year in which the underpayment of tax was notified.

Base Lending Rates

ABN Bank	13½%
Barclays	13½%
BCCI	14%
Consolidated Crds	14%
C. Hoare & Co	*13½%
Lloyds Bank	13½%
Midland Bank	13½%
Nat Westminster	13½%
TSB	13½%
Williams & Glyn's	13½%

★ 7 day deposits on sums of under £10,000 11%, £10,000 up to £50,000 11¼%, £50,000 and over 12¼%.

The best bet for savers

Following the 0.5 per cent cut in banks' base rate, National Savings wasted no time in cutting the rate offered on National Savings Bank Investment Account. NSB has been paying 15 per cent, due to go down to 14 per cent on March 1 and from April 1 the rate paid will be further reduced to 13.5 per cent.

For all but the non-taxpayer, this makes a building society extra interest account, currently showing a return of around 10.75 per cent basic rate tax paid, by far the most attractive proposition.

However, the societies will be reducing their rates when the Building Societies Association meets on March 12 to decide on a new structure.

One per cent (possibly more) off the mortgage rate is a virtual certainty, but there is likely to be hot debate in the council meeting over where the investment rate ought to be fixed.

With a 14 per cent mortgage rate, the probable investment rate, in the days when the building societies' cartel was still effective, would have been 8.75 or 9 per cent. But with most societies paying 1 per cent more on extra interest accounts, there is a powerful feeling among some building society men that the ordinary share rate should be no more than 8.5 per cent.

MONEY TALK

Investors in record bonus

Residents of the North East of England are to be the guinea pigs for a new record promotion launched by Nationwide Building Society. First time investors and current account holders with the society who deposit £[illegible] or more are being offered a choice of special compilation recordings generally available from Tellydisc, a direct sales organization whose ads are impossible to miss on television.

The promotion will be launched on March 1 and the offer will be available in all branches of Nationwide in the North East of England, possibly extending to other areas at a later date if the scheme is successful.

Up in flames

Property worth an estimated £34.7m went up in flames during January alone with four fires costing over £1m each. The largest, estimated at £3.5m was at an army depot in the Midlands.

During the month there were 75 fires costing more than £50,000 of which 23 were in places used by the public, such as cinemas, schools, shops, social clubs and theatres.

Prices static

Latest figures show that average house prices rose by only 0.8 per cent during 1981. *The 1980* average house price was £24,307 which went up to £24,810 by the end of 1981, though there are considerable regional variations. This compares with house price rises of 17.1, 29.1 and 15.5 per cent in 1978, '79 and '80 respectively.

Mint on trial

This week the Royal Mint went on ceremonial annual trial in Goldsmiths' Hall. The Trial of the Pyx is an occasion where, by law, the size, weight and purity of British gold, silver and cupro-nickel coins made by the Royal Mint are tested. The Pyx is a sealed chest in which the sample coins are placed and, as this week was the 700th anniversary of the ceremony, the Queen was present at the proceedings.

Transplacement

Firms are increasingly finding that staff may turn down transfers to other areas even if it involves promotion because the spouse does not want to leave his or her career. "Transplacement" is the American response to this reluctance to move, explains an article in this month's *International Management*.

Companies are offering counselling to spouses, using consultants who offer transplacement services and, in some cases, even employing the spouse themselves. Transplacement is largely confined to America but, as the same problems exist here, English companies should also perhaps be thinking along these lines, says the article.

Rock finals

The National Final of the TSB Rock School Competition will take place in Manchester on March 26. Four pop celebrities will have the difficult task of judging the young bands competing for prizes totalling £4,000 and £1,000 worth of musical equipment to be donated to the winning school. The Final is between eight regional finalists and, after last year's success, the TSB can expect a large audience of enthusiastic supporters.



Radio one disc jockey Mike Read who will compere the TSB Rock School Competition.

FOOTBALL

Sweeper is swept back under the League carpet

By Norman Fox

England were swept to premature World Cup confidence and Scotland discovered that their football still needed wingers. The week internationally was valuable but not as significant as some would have us believe. Club managers, returning to thoughts of league business, soon put it all in a familiar perspective.

The "sweeper" experiment has come so late to England that it is like the arrival of the telephone in some remote village. Hardly surprisingly, there were some crossed lines before the idea won guarded approval. Not that the sweeper concerned, Wilkins, will today be allowed to continue with these "new methods", as his Manchester United manager, Ron Atkinson, called them.

Preparing his own tactics for today's 104th derby match against Manchester City at Old Trafford, Mr Atkinson said: "I don't mind Ron Greenwood trying these ideas out with my players; it all adds up to experience.

"Ray Wilkins won a lot of acclaim, but he won't be playing in that role for me. Tackling is not his strong point and if we needed anyone in that role it would be Bryan Robson. He knows what is required and has the aggression." One does not recall that "aggression" was Beckenbauer's strongest attribute.

Without Remi Moses, whose ankle injury has almost healed, United, four points behind Southampton but with two matches in hand, should keep a fluctuating championship active with a victory because City could be weakened by injuries. Bond is ruled out with a calf strain and Francis and Hartford were both knocked about in the games for England and Scotland respectively.

Hartford has hopes of playing but Francis is pessimistic. Now that O'Neill has gone and Hutchison and Boyer are playing in Hongkong, City's reserves are low.

In truth the day is not sparkling with enticing fixtures, but there are some interesting pointers. Liverpool want to sharpen up against Leeds United before playing CSKA Sofia in the European Cup on Wednesday when in the same competition, Aston Villa, the ailing champions, play Dynamo Kiev.

At home to Coventry today, Villa expect to include a 20-year-old local boy, Mark Jones, in place of Swain, who is injured. Liverpool are unchanged because this is no moment to make voluntary alterations even though Thompson is fit and ready to return to the defence.

Despite, or because of, appearing for Northern Ireland in their 4—0 defeat by England, Jennings fails to regain the goalkeeper's place in Arsenal's team at home to Swansea, who are one point ahead in third place. Wood deservedly keeps his station, not having conceded a goal in four games.

Swansea, without Charles and Latchford, are unlikely to break Arsenal's rigid defence. Walsh, signed from Crystal Palace, may have a try.

Having crossed the floor to join Birmingham City, Ron Saunders has decided against bringing back Colin Todd, who should have been England's first sweeper years ago, or Gemmill. Jim Smith dropped them a fortnight ago and for today's game at Southampton Mr Saunders recalls the Dutch winger, Brocken, and Dillon. Southampton should not be in danger from a team who have not won any of their last 24 away games.

Southampton's lead at the top of the first division is identical to Luton Town's advantage over Watford in the second; but Luton still have two games in hand. However, today at home they have to beat the third-placed club, Oldham Athletic, or doubts about promotion could erode confidence. Luton's manager, David Pleat, said it would be folly to think they had a foot in the promotion door.



Ball: judged to be the less guilty.

Sunderland financial crisis forces transfer ban

Sunderland have become the latest casualties of football's financial crisis. The club are more than £500,000 in debt and their chairman, Tom Cowie, last night imposed a ban on the purchase of any players.

Mr Cowie, a millionaire motor car dealer, said: "We are facing a crisis without precedence in the history of the club and all I can offer during these difficult days is blood, sweat and tears. We must adopt a policy to sell first and buy later and because there are too many greedy players in the game there will have to be a major cutback in the playing staff at the end of the season.

"I can understand the frustration of our fans, but our situation will not be resolved by them staying away. I have no intention of resigning. That would be a cowardly way out."

At recent home games supporters have called for the resignation of Mr Cowie, who has seen attendances drop from 30,000 to just over 13,000 for last week's game with Swansea City. The gate is likely to drop even further for today's visit of Notts County.

A shareholder, Barry Batey, has served written notice on the club calling for an extraordinary general meeting to be held as soon as possible. Mr Batey is calling for radical changes in the boardroom, including the resignation of the chairman.

Mr Batey said: "There are businessmen in Sunderland who will put their money where their mouths are and I have the backing of the shareholders who would have financed the Ray Kennedy and Jimmy Nicholl deals".

The Nicholl deal fell through when Sunderland failed to find the £225,000 fee after terms had been agreed with Manchester United and the Northern Ireland international had impressed on a two-month loan period.

BOXING

Grumbling appendix knocks out Jones

From Srikumar Sen
Boxing Correspondent
Copenhagen, Feb 26

Colin Jones's hopes of lifting the vacant European welterweight title were struck a body blow outside the target area—by a grumbling appendix today. He was ruled out of the contest by three doctors who saw him at various times but it was the Danish Boxing Federation medical officer Dr Jorgen Huusom who told Jones at 8.30 this morning, two hours before the weigh-in that the bout was off.

Jones, Eddie Thomas, his manager, and Jones's father, Raymond, were bitterly disappointed but relieved that the diagnosis had been made in time. "It could have come during the fight" Mr Thomas said. Jones said: "My health is more important than money."

It was indeed a lucky escape for Jones as the favourite punch of his opponent, Hans Henrik Palm, is a left hook to the stomach. At 1.0 pm the three men flew home to Wales where Jones will have an operation at Singleton Hospital, Swansea.

The news came too late to stop 60 supporters, including Jones's two brothers, Peter and Kevin, making a 30 hour journey from Swansea via Harwich on the Dan Angla. But they too were philosophical. One suporter said: "That is what the boxing game is all about—full of surprises." They however stayed to see Palm beat the veteran French champion, Georges Warusfel, who was to have met Jorgen Hansen on the same bill. The European Boxing Union allowed Varusfel to step in on condition that the winner meets Jones when he is fit again, which will be another seven months or so.

The first sign of trouble came yesterday when two colleagues and I were having a drink with Mr Thomas when along came Jones and said: "Eddie can I see you a minute?" It was a long minute. We did not see Mr Thomas and Jones again until this morning.

Jones had been taken to hospital where the doctor wanted to keep him in for observation overnight but the boxer refused to stay. On his return to the Sheraton Hotel he was examined by the hotel doctor and then by Dr Huusom who spent the night there.

This morning Jones said that he was feeling much better and wanted to go ahead with the title bout, but he was soon put in his place. When the doctor's hand touched him, he jumped.

Palm lifted the European title by stopping Warusfel, Jones's replacement, in 1min 47sec of the second round. A left hook to the stomach put the aging Frenchman on his knees. Warusfel looked at his corner and shook his head, signalling his inability to continue.

Urged on by his seconds, he made an attempt to fight on, but under Palm's barrage he ran cowering to a neutral corner, where he waited on his knees for the referee to come to his aid. It was a fine piece of boxing by the Dane, whose left jab first reddened the Frenchman's face, then split his nose and finally left him completely befuddled.

Warusfel just managed to stay in the contest in the first round, but in the second Palm opened up with a wider array of punches which completely overwhelmed the Frenchman. Morgens Palle, the promoter and Palm's manager, is now well placed to give his man home and money advantage when he meets Jones.

Jacques Chinon, of France, who meets Tony Sibson for the European middleweight title in the summer, was beaten on points by Ayub Kalule, of Uganda. It was a frustrating bout for Kalule because Chinon never stopped running for the first seven rounds.

Colchester stretched to limit by Rochdale

Tony Adcock, Colchester United's teenage winger, kept the club in the fourth division promotion race with two fine goals against Rochdale, who are third from bottom. But Colchester, unsettled by injuries, rarely looked convincing and had to work hard for their 3—2 victory at Layer Road.

Adcock's opening goal exposed the frailty of the visiting defence but he was starved of the ball for long periods. After O'Laughlin punished one of Colchester's many defensive errors, Bremner put the home team in front again with a fortunate goal.

Colchester, the League's leading scorers, continued to make errors and Hilditch took advantage to equalize again. Just when it looked as if Rochdale would take a deserved point, Adcock, with a fine volley, scored the winning goal with two minutes left.

Wigan Athletic returned to the top of the fourth division by way of a fifty-fifth minute penalty from Quinn against Stockport County at Edgeley Park. It was Wigan's ninth away league match without defeat and the only goal of the game. The spot kick was awarded when Thorpe brought down O'Keefe, but Wigan should have already had a penalty after 30 minutes. Quinn was bundled to the ground but referee Malcolm Heath missed the incident.

Stockport made all the running but lacked punch in attack. In the first minute Williams shot straight at the goalkeeper when well placed. Chances continued to come Stockport's way but their finishing was tame except in the sixteenth minute when Park hit the bar. O'Keefe was booked for a foul on Williams, who also had his name taken for tripping the substitute Weston.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Fourth division

Colchester (2) 3 Adcock (2), Bremner — Rochdale (1) 2 O'Laughlin, Hilditch — 3,760

Stockport C (0) 0 — 6,084 — Wigan (0) 1 Quinn (pen)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wigan A	29	16	10	3	46	24	58
Bournemouth	28	16	9	3	35	16	57
Peterborough U	27	17	5	5	46	25	56
Bradford C	27	16	6	5	54	30	54
Colchester U	27	16	5	6	60	31	53
Sheffield U	27	15	8	4	48	23	53

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Crystal Palace 0, Luton Town 1.

End of road for Harlow manager

Ian Wolstenholme has resigned as manager of Harlow Town, the club he took to the fourth round of the FA Cup in 1980 when they knocked out Southend and Leicester before losing to Watford by the odd goal in seven.

Wolstenholme was the hero of the 1966 amateur cup final when, as Enfield's goalkeeper, he saved a penalty in the final minute of extra time at Wembley against Skelmersdale to earn a replay which Enfield won.

Mr Wolstenholme, a schoolmaster said: "I would stress there is no animosity between myself and the officials. I have always been my own master there and it is my decision. I feel the club has stopped progressing."

☐ Terry Butcher, the Ipswich Town and England defender, was released from the London Hospital, Whitechapel, yesterday after almost a month. Butcher, who severed an artery in his nose during the FA Cup tie at Luton on January 23, had more than a complete transfusion of blood during his time in hospital.

FA suspend McNab but not Ball

By Norman Fox

An incident at the end of a five-a-side tournament at the Brighton Centre earlier this month led to Neil McNab, of Brighton and Hove Albion, being suspended for two games and fined £250 and Alan Ball, of Southampton, being fined £100 but not suspended. An FA disciplinary commission official said the apparent disparity was because McNab "was considered the more guilty of the two".

McNab will miss Brighton's matches at home to Leeds United on Tuesday and at Liverpool next Saturday. After the hearing in London he would not comment, but the Brighton manager, Mike Bailey, said they had had a fair hearing. Last season McNab was suspended for four matches and fined £500 on another charge of bringing the game into disrepute.

Ball and McNab were playing in the Sussex County League's five-a-side tournament. Brighton won 3—0 and the two players were seen to scuffle. It was alleged that McNab butted Ball. The FA probably took firm action because the crowd of 3,000 at Brighton included large numbers of children.

Ball, who had not appeared before a disciplinary commission since 1978, admitted the charge, as did McNab. Clearly, the FA felt that McNab instigated the incident.

Walsall's manager, Neil Martin, has been asked by the FA to explain remarks made at the end of the third division match at Lincoln last week. Mr Martin had his name taken by the referee, who awarded Lincoln a last-minute penalty.

☐ The rapid decline of the football industry is starting to affect the game's offshoots, a special Correspondent writes. As the number of fans going through the turnstiles falls and the price of match programmes rises, the printing firms who produce the programmes are feeling the pinch.

One south Devon firm supplies 26 of Britain's League clubs and they have suffered a 40 per cent drop in business this year. John Hughes, the managing director of Dupley Litho Press, of Newton Abbot, said: "Football has taken a hammering and it has affected our business quite drastically."

Argentina may cancel match

Argentina may pull out of a friendly international match against West Germany, scheduled for Buenos Aires on March 24. Argentina's manager Cesar Luis Menotti said last night he would ask for a cancellation unless he could field the six River Plate players currently suspended for 45 days.

The six, Fillol, the goalkeeper, Passarella, the captain, Kempes, Diaz, Gallego and Tarantini, will almost certainly all be included in Argentina's squad that defends the World Cup in June.

MOTOR RACING

Palmer nearer his aim

By John Blunsden

Jonathan Palmer, the 25-year-old doctor from Handcross, Sussex, has taken another important step forward towards his ultimate goal of a regular Formula One drive, and a chance of becoming future world champion. He has been signed up as reserve driver for the TAG Williams team, in which capacity he will be carrying out a programme of test driving for the team this year and deputizing for either Carlos Reutemann or Keke Rosberg, should either of them be indisposed for any reason.

There is also the prospect of at least one race this year for Palmer, who is widely rated as Britain's brightest new Grand Prix prospect. His main objective in 1982, however, remains the European formula two championship as a member of the Ralt-Honda works team.

Commenting on his decision to offer Palmer this new opportunity, Frank Williams said: "We have been very impressed by Jonathan, and I am delighted that he has signed a testing contract with us despite several other offers. We feel he has a great future ahead of him. I have long been searching for an Englishman with real potential and now I have found one."

GOLF

Faldo up at dawn to slay 'blue monster'

From John Ballantine, Miami, Feb 26

Nick Faldo, out at 7.38 am, set both pace and example to the six other European Ryder Cup men, who were due to start play much later here today. On a windier, and therefore longer and tougher 7,065-yard course, Faldo, three times PGA champion, scored 72, a fine effort in the conditions. The circuit is nicknamed "the blue monster" because of the lakes which affect 12 holes.

Faldo's 36-hole aggregate of 140 for the Doral Eastern Open was only five strokes behind the early target of 135 set by Craig Stadler, of California. Mark James, who also had 68 in his first round, and Severiano Ballesteros, 69, appeared to have the best chances of emulating Faldo and both birdied the first hole today.

Sandy Lyle, Sam Torrance and Manuel Piñero, on 72, had stern work to qualify. Howard Clark, on 75, seemed doomed to miss the cut unless he played brilliantly. Jack Nicklaus (67) is the local favourite.

The effort of teeing off half an hour after dawn is not generally appreciated, although early starters at municipal courses on weekends know all about it. Unlike Faldo, they do not have to rise at 5.30, shower and breakfast, collect the wife, the caddy and the clubs, get to the course one and a half hours early to practise and then complete four and a half hours of nerve and energy-sapping competition.

"I was half asleep at first", Faldo yawned later. He did not look it as he drove into the rough at the 533-yard first, laid up with a five iron, pitched to ten feet and holed for a quick birdie. Four strokes disappeared in rough and sand at the fourth, eighth and ninth holes; out in a disappointing 39.

Faldo girded himself for the kind of inward half he had in Hawaii; four birdies came in the first seven holes. He chipped to four feet at the long 10th, holed a 25-foot chip at the long 12th, hit a five iron to eight feet at the short 15th, and hit a one iron, an eight iron and holed from 20 ft at the 16th.

The 18th was against the wind. Faldo drove into the lake as Nicklaus had done the previous day, picked out and laid up short of the water fronting the green, pitched to twenty feet and holed for a bogey five. Stadler scored four birdies to maintain his lead and then revealed that, as a schoolboy after lessons, he used to practise pitching and chipping for hours into a basket.

SECOND ROUND, early leaders (US unless stated) 135, C Stadler 66, 69; 138, M Nicollelle 68, 70; 140, N Faldo (GB) 68, 72; T Weiskopf 69, 71; W Levi 69, 71; B Eastwood 72, 68. 141, G Gilbert 70, 71; R Floyd 71, 70. 142, E Fiori 72, 70.

FIRST ROUND, leaders (US unless stated): 66: C Stadler. 67: J Nicklaus, B Wadkins, E Ballen. 68: N Faldo (GB), M Nicoletto, M James (GB), G Poele, A Bean, J Boros, S Benson. 69: T Weiskopf, S Ballesteros (Spain), J Heard, S Heard, B Hock, B Baugh, J Fought, W Levi 70: H Sutton (GB), D Siderowf, J Colbert, E Snead: I Aoki (Japan), C Strange, G Burns, J Pate. 71: R Floyd, B Cole (SA), M Kuramoto (Japan). 72: H Green, M Piñer (Spain), S Torrance (GB), S Lyle (GB) 75: H Clarke (GB).

The Curtis Cup training team spent a day at Wentworth yesterday under the eye of Bernard Gallacher, before leaving for ten days golf in Majorca, John Hennessy writes. They are from left: Janet Soulsby, Wilma Aitken, Jane Connachan, Belle Robertson, Maire O'Donnell (captain), Mary McKenna, Claire Hourihane, Pamela Wright, Ann Irvin and Vicki Thomas.

After four days of practice at the Santa Ponza course, they compete in the Spanish amateur championship involving two rounds of strokeplay and three of matchplay.

Two players were absent, Gillian Stewart, who could not get time off from work, and Maureen Madill, who is already in Majorca as an employee of a golf travel company.

Marsh out after a card error

Hongkong, Feb 26.—Graham Marsh, of Australia, was today disqualified from the Hongkong Open for incorrectly marking his card in yesterday's opening round.

Marsh, aged 37, who was runner-up here in 1974 and last year, entered a par four on his card for the 14th hole where he had scored a five. Marsh was two shots over par on the final green, for a six-over par total of 76. Apparently he was upset by his bad last hole and did not double-check his card before signing it.

Another tournament casualty was Ben Arda, of the Philippines, who has claimed organizers of the Open dropped him because of a clerical error.

On the course, Kurt Cox, of the United States, and Stewart Ginn of Australia, swept into the lead with 68s at the half way mark today. Cox and Ginn, the 1977 Malaysia Open champion, passed overnight leaders Terry Gale, of Australia, and Japan's Koichi Hirabayashi.

SECOND ROUND: 136: K Cox (US), 68, 68, S Ginn (Australia), 68, 68: 138: T Sieckman (US), 70, 68, A Kikuo (Japan), 69, 69: 139: F Saburou (Japan), 71, 68, G Norman (Australia), 71, 68, Chen Tao Ming (Taiwan), 70, 69, Kim Seung Hack (S Korea), 68, 71, B Waites (GB), 70, 69, T Gale (Australia), 67, 72: 140: T Horton (GB), 73, 67: 141: Hsu Sheng-San (Taiwan), 73, 68, S Norio (Japan), 71, 70: 142: Hsieh Yung-Yo (Taiwan), 70, 72, Hung Wen-Neng (Taiwan), 68, 74, K Hirabayashi (Japan), 67, 75. Other British: 144: M Miller 69, 75: 145: B Barnes, 75, 70, P Townsend, 73, 72: 148: C Moody, 76, 72; 149: T Jacklin, 74, 75, S Martin, 75, 74; 151: B Evans, 74, 77.—Agencies.



ROWING

Top seven crews row over

By Jim Railton

The head crew, Oriel, who were nearly caught by Keble on the opening day of Oxford Torpids, appeared to move into overdrive yesterday and look set to win their eleventh headship. Rowing with far more zest and aggression, they had opened up a lead of almost three quarters of a length on Keble by the finish.

Once again the two leading crews were way out in front of their pursuers, the next five of whom also rowed over. The chart suggests a fair degree of turbulence in the lower divisions.

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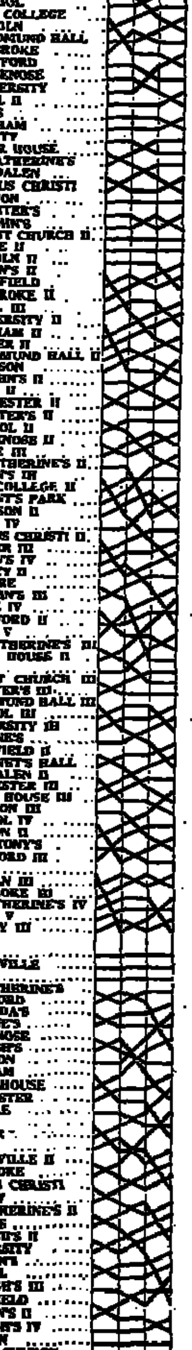
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Seat trouble holds Clare back

By a Special Correspondent

Clare's chances of catching Trinity Hall were cut short on the third day of Cambridge Lents by a sticking seat. The Clare No 7, Dave Pocock, had trouble on First Post corner, and in the Gut his crew lost so much that at one point they were only three quarters of a length in front of the deposed headboat, Lady Margaret.

Trinity Hall rowed steadily away, but Clare recovered to be just outside the length and a half starting distance at the finish. Behind Lady Margaret, Pembroke managed to poke their bows round First Post corner before they were caught by Downing, who are in line for their oars.



TENNIS

Mottram scores surprise win over Taroczy

Genoa, Italy.—Britain's number one player, Christopher Mottram, achieved an upset in the Betti Begama tournament, a WCT event, yesterday. He defeated the third seed, Balazs Taroczy, of Hungary, 6—2, 6—4. Mottram, seeded seventh, looked impressive on the indoor courts.

Vitas Gerulaitis, the second seed from the United States, reached the semi-finals by beating Tomas Smid, the number five seed from Czechoslovakia, 7—5, 6—3. Earlier in the day Vijay Amritraj, of India, put out Bill Scanlon, of the United States, 4—6, 6—1, 6—1.

☐ Ilie Nastase has been selected for the Romanian Davis Cup team after absence of two years. Nastase, 35, has been called up to face Chile next month. The team, which is completed by Florin Segarceanu, Andrei Dirzu, and Adrian Marcuet, plays a warm-up match against Paraguay at Asuncion.

☐ The Soviet number one Vadim Borissov is to lead the Russians in their Davis Cup tie with Sweden from March 5-7 in Stockholm.—Agencies.

MONTERREY (Mexico): Grand prix tournament: J Kriek (SA) beat M Purcell, 6—1, 7—6; N Saviano beat E Manson, 3—6, 6—2, 7—6; G Mayer beat V Amaya, 6—4, 6—2.

OAKLAND: Women's tournament, second round: B Potter beat K Latham, 6—3, 6—4; W Turnbull (Australia) beat Y Vermaak (SA), 6—0, 6—3; A Jaeger beat K Jordan, 6—1, 6—1; C Lloyd beat C Tanvier (France), 6—2, 6—2.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION: Golden State Warriors 106, Dallas Mavericks 104; San Antonio Spurs 119, Detroit Pistons 116; Los Angeles Lakers 104, Seattle Supersonics 98.

ATHLETICS

King is Britain's main hope for victory

Although Britain has produced a large number of qualified competitors for the European indoor championships next month, there is little chance of success in the match against East Germany in Senftenberg today, Norman Fox writes.

Injuries have deprived the team of Graham Williamson, Cameron Sharp, Keith Stock and Chris McGeorge. The Germans are, as always, formidably powerful but it is hoped that at least Harry King, the sprinter from Bracknell, may obtain a victory.

Nick Brawn, from London, fourth in the New York Marathon, is in a distinguished field of 42 runners for the IAAF Citizen Golden Marathon in Athens on March 7. The athletes will run over the route that gave the distance its name—from the town of Marathon to the Olympic stadium in Athens. Brawn's best time is two hours 11min 10 sec, which puts him seventh in the list of those taking part.

The Japanese marathon runner Toshihiko Seko has declined an invitation to compete in the race. Seko, who won the 1980 Boston Marathon in a record time, will go instead to New Zealand from March 3 to train for a month.

CROSS COUNTRY

CAMBERLEY: Inter-Service championships, senior event (6½ miles): 1, S Jones (RAF) 33 mins 19 secs; 2, R Hackney (RAF) 34.26; 3, J Wild (RAF) 34.27. Senior team event: 1, RAF 35 pts; 2, Army 70; 3, Royal Navy 106. Junior event (4½ miles): 1, M Flint (RAF) 23.46; 2, D McNeilly (RAF) 23.54; 3, M Lassetter (Army) 24.9. Junior team event: 1, RAF 16 pts; 2, Army 20; 3, Royal Navy 51.

BADMINTON

Baddeley provides result of true significance

By Richard Eaton

England won the triangular challenge, sponsored by Crest Hotels, for the third year running at Huddersfield on Thursday night, with Sweden second and Japan third. That they could do so in spite of surprising defeats for Mike Tredgett and Martin Dew, the Friends Providence Masters champions and Andy Goode, the national runner-up, only underlined the strength in depth England are building in the international arena.

Goode lost 18—16, 15—10 to the Swedish No 8 Tor Bjorn Petersson, who only came into the tournament as a last-minute substitute and yet nearly reached the final when he led Nick Yates, the England No 3, by a game and 12—3.

Tredgett and Dew were beaten 5—15, 15—10, 15—11 by Claes Nordin and Lars Wengberg, the Swedish No 2 pair, only three days after being named as second favourites for the All-England Championships.

Nordin's talent, which, in partnership with Stefan Karlsson, enabled him to succeed Tredgett and Ray Stevens as European champions, is often unpredictable. This time, though, Ulf Borgstrom, the Swedish captain, did predict it. "I thought Tor Bjorn's win would make him turn it on," he said, and it did. He kept it up too. Nordin and Wengberg had match points to win the doubles final before losing 18-17 in the decider to Goode and Stevens.

The tournament's most significant result, however, was the one in which Steve Baddeley, the surprise new national champion advanced his claim to be considered England's leading player by winning 15—10, 17—14 against Stevens, the England No 1. Last year Stevens, Baddeley's predecessor, beat him four times in a row. In the Japanese Open, earlier this month Baddeley scored his first win over England's best liked and most capped player in a match of three hard games lasting an hour and 20 minutes.

This time, despite having to study in the mornings for his final examinations at London University, he won more easily, although Stevens fought like a lion until the end. Only the day before there had been talk of Baddeley being sent home because of lingering tonsillitis. "That made me mad and determined me to play well" he said.

It also helped Baddeley to win the singles for the second year in succession. In an encounter that had no bearing on the match result, he beat Yates, his fellow 20-year-old 15—6, 17—15.

THURSDAY'S RESULTS: M Tsuchida (Japan) beat L Wengberg (Sweden), 15—6, 11—15, 15—9; T Petersson (Sweden) beat A Goode (England), 18—16, 15—10; C Nordin and Wengberg (Sweden) beat M Tredgett and M Dew (England), 5—15, 15—10, 15—11; R Stevens and Goode (England) beat Tsuchida and S Miyamori (Japan), 15—8, 14—18, 18—15.

Semi-finals: S Baddeley (England) beat R Stevens (England) 15—11, 17—14; N Yates (England) beat T Petersson (Sweden), 9—15, 18—15, 15—7.

Singles final: Baddeley (England) beat Yates (England) 15—6, 17—15.

Doubles final: Stevens and Goode (England) beat Nordin and Wengberg (Sweden) 15—6, 7—15, 18—17. Final points positions: 1, England 60 pts; 2, Sweden 26; 3, Japan 8.

SQUASH RACKETS

Jahangir leaves Briars far behind

By a Special Correspondent

The world squash champion, Jahangir Khan, brought an abrupt end to Gawain Briars's victorious run in the Lookers' Masters tournament at Manchester last night.

Jahangir was in a business-like mood and worked hard at reducing Briars's stamina and fitness. Briars, aged 23, was not at his best, missing the nick of the court and hitting the tin on many occasions.

Khan won the 42-minute match 3—0. The first game lasted 16 minutes with Khan taking it at 9—1. The second was shorter with the world champion preventing Briars from getting into his stride, playing a hard-hitting length game.

In the third Briars made a spirited comeback to lead 7—0 at one stage. But he was unable to keep his nerve and Khan clawed his way back to take the match 10—8 and the £2,000 first prize. The Australian, Dean Williams, won the third place play-off.

RESULTS: Final: Jahangir Khan (Pakistan) beat G Briars (GB) 9—1, 9—3, 10—8. Third place play-off: D Williams (Australia) beat G Brumby (Australia) 10—9, 9—7, 9—1.

Griffiths in final

Terry Griffiths reached the final of the Welsh professional snooker championship, sponsored by Woodpecker, for the first time by beating Cliff Wilson 9—6 at the Ebbw Vale Leisure Centre last night. But Griffiths, the 1979 world champion, had to overcome some tremendous resistance from Wilson, a finalist in this event last year.

RESULTS

SNOOKER

EBBW VALE: Welsh professional championship, semi-final: T Griffiths beat C Wilson 9—6 (Griffiths first): 95—40, 68—61, 7—112, 6—89, 45—59, 1—112, 67—36, 112—1, 41—73, 68—0, 57—11, 5—73, 77—5, 86—22, 65—22.

GOLF

TUCSON: Women's tournament, first-round leaders: 70: A Okamoto (Japan), T Stepney, J Coles. 71: M Tomich, B Daniel, A Alcott, T Onsako (Japan), Y Moriguchi (Japan), P Rizzo, B Mosness. British scores: 76: J L Smith, B Huke.

BOXING

MUNICH: Lightweight (8 rounds): Rene Weller (WG) beat Peter Ewebanks (GB), pts; light-heavyweight (8 rounds): Manfred Jassmann (WG) beat Bonnie McKenzie (GB), pts.

CRICKET

ADELAIDE: Sheffield Shield: Victoria 389 for 6 (J M Wiener 116, J Scholes 64; R J Inverarity 2 for 38) v South Australia.
PERTH: Sheffield Shield: Western Australia 225 for 4 (S Clements 75, G Marsh 51) v Queensland.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Washington Capitals 9, St Louis Blues 1; New York Islanders 4, Pittsburgh Penguins 2; Quebec Nordiques 4, Montreal Canadians 4; Calgary Flames 11, Vancouver Canucks 4.

FOOTBALL

NASL: Indoor series, semi-final play-off: San Diego Sockers 8, Edmonton Drillers 2.
CALCUTTA: Nehru Gold Cup: South Korea 4, Italy 2.

SCHOOLS MATCH: ESPA: Quarter-final: Coventry 2, Manchester 1 (aet, at Coventry City FC).

Southern League
SOUTHERN DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dorchester Tn	29	16	11	2	55	23	43
Waterlooville	32	17	6	9	52	28	40
Wealdstone	24	17	4	3	61	21	38
Gosport B	29	15	7	7	46	26	37
Poole Tn	31	12	11	8	57	40	35
Hastings U	24	14	6	4	42	21	34
Fareham Tn	27	14	6	7	35	25	34
Welling U	29	13	6	10	47	34	32
Aylesbury U	28	12	6	10	50	38	30
Addlestone	27	10	10	7	47	35	30
Ashford Tn	29	11	8	10	39	40	30
Basingstoke	28	12	5	11	48	47	29
Dunstable	25	11	5	9	32	28	27
Hillingdon B	27	9	8	10	31	33	26
Dover	25	10	6	9	25	27	26
Tonbridge	25	10	4	11	37	44	24
Salisbury	28	8	8	12	37	54	24
Hounslow	29	7	9	13	34	52	23
Canterbury C	31	6	10	15	31	55	22
Crawley Tn	30	6	7	17	32	58	19
Folkestone	27	5	4	18	30	56	14
Andover	27	3	8	16	23	58	14
Thanet U	31	3	6	22	23	76	12

Royal Vulcan set for Placepot on way to Cheltenham jackpot

By Michael Phillips, Racing Correspondent

With the National Hunt Festival no longer a speck on the horizon we will be looking for hints at Kempton Park today that could prove profitable at Cheltenham next month. The Tote Placepot Hurdle, the Tote Pattern Steeplechase and the Rendlesham Hurdle are the races that seem likely to provide them.

Royal Vulcan, my selection for the Placepot Hurdle, is currently the ante-post favourite for the Triumph Hurdle, which is the big race for four-year-olds at Cheltenham. Betting on the outcome of the Sun Alliance Steeplechase does not begin nearly so early, but when it does Seamus O'Flynn is a name that is bound to be prominent, especially if he manages to win the Pattern Steeplechase this afternoon.

No one in their right mind would back Derring Rose to win any race these days, let alone the Champion Hurdle, because as his record shows he is every bit as likely to dig in his toes and refuse to race as he is to win.

To remain favourite for the Triumph, Royal Vulcan must first beat Lulay, Morice, Bustineto and Tiger Whale this afternoon. This I think he will do. Royal Vulcan first struck me as potential Triumph winner when John Francome brought him swooping on Krug to score over today's course and distance in November.

Nothing has happened in the meantime to make me change my mind. On the contrary Royal Vulcan's next visit to Kempton at the beginning of December simply confirmed the impression of excellence. Yesterday his trainer, Neville Callaghan, told me that his horse was exceptionally well after his midwinter break and that Francome, who rode him at exercise earlier this week, has told him that he was keen to ride him in the Triumph as well as this afternoon.

Callaghan went on to say that he would be disappointed if Royal Vulcan did not run "a hell of a race" even allowing for the fact that he had left room for improvement between now and Cheltenham. No one will be more aware of the threat that Royal Vulcan poses than Peter Scudamore, who rode him when he won the second of his two races at Kempton last year and at Leicester as well.

Today Scudamore has been claimed by David Nicholson to ride Lulay, who won the Stroud Green Hurdle so decisively at Newbury a fortnight ago. On that occasion he beat Morice by eight lengths. Today Morice will be meeting him on 10 lb better terms, so there should be much less in it.

The presence of two Irish runners in the field — Bustineto and Tiger Whale — has important overtones. The first is stable companion of Morton, who is the leading Irish fancy for the Triumph, and the second was runner up to the same horse at Leopardstown a fortnight ago.

If Royal Vulcan does run up to my expectations he could be the middle leg of a treble for Francome, who can consolidate his position at the top of the table if he also winning on Dasman (1.30) and Derring Rose (3.00).

Derring Rose is a law unto himself as I intimated earlier, but he has never done anything wrong at Kempton and he has won the Rendlesham Hurdle for the past two seasons. After a spell out hunting he could be in the right frame of mind to put Mr Moonraker, Hill of Slane and Mount Harvard in their places.

With only 10st 5lb to carry Seamus O'Flynn seems poised to extend Michael Dickinson's fine run in the Tote Pattern Steeplechase, always assuming that he does not ignore the first fence of all as he did when he came south to Ascot earlier this month. Before that Seamus O'Flynn had jumped impeccably when recording a string of victories in the north.

RACING

Winter's passport to disaster

By Michael Seely

Rolls Rambler, who was to have had his Grand National preliminary in the Gibbs Land Rover Hunter-chase at Kempton Park yesterday was not allowed to run because of an irregularity in his passport. This was in controvention of the Rules of Racing concerning innoculations against influenza. Rule 35 states that after a horse's two preliminary injections a booster must be given within 14 months. In 1975, when trained by Arthur Stephenson, Rolls Rambler was given his third jab six days late. Consequently all subsequent innoculations have been invalid. The oversight occured because the rule was only introduced last year and Rolls Rambler last ran two seasons ago.

Rolls Rambler's participation at Aintree must now be in doubt. If the horse was given an injection last night a period of three weeks would elapse before the second. As no animal is allowed to run for 10 days after any innoculation, Rolls Rambler will only be clear four days before the big race. And as Fred Winter pointed out it would be unfair for Aintree's formidable fences to confront any horse who had not seen a racecourse for nearly two years. It is all a great shame as Rolls Rambler had an undeniable chance, having been unbeaten in five outings a couple of seasons ago.

Despite the absence of Rolls Rambler the hunter-chase still gave punters the thrill of the afternoon. Those who like backing odds-on favourites must have felt like jumping in the nearby Thames as Dancing Brig turned into the straight some 30 lengths behind the leaders. However as Sun Lion and Jack Madness raced towards the last fence the sparse crowds cheers must have been heard in Sunbury. For Tony Clay and Dancing Brig had at last got into top gear. Sweeping past Sun Lion, the backers choice eventually won by seven lengths.

When asked what he had thought about his chances four fences from home, Clay replied: "Not bloody much. Dancing Brig is very one paced. I knew the leaders were going too fast so I decided not to bustle him. But I never thought they would come back to me".



Cruise Missile, after a successful lift-off at the last, takes a giant step to victory.

Amateurs are the backbone of National Hunt racing. And it was good to see John Thorne in the winners enclosure after Spartan Missile's half brother, Cruise Missile, had sprinted away from Princeton on the run in at the Otard Cognac Novices steeple chase to win by six lengths. This had been an impressive performance and Cruise Missile must now be regarded as a live contender for one of the two novice chases at Cheltenham.

Mr Thorne had good news about Spartan Missile, who finished second to Aldaniti in last year's National. After various treatments to his injured leg Spartan Missile was confined to his box for three months, but he is now turned out in a field and thoroughly enjoying life. Mr Thorne broke a leg in a riding accident last November.

The intrepid 55 year-old Jockey Club member is now well on the road to recovery, but as he said: "It is a good job I am not 100 per cent fit or I would have been tempted to get Spartan Missile ready for the Horse and Hound Cup at Stratford. As it is he will probably be all the better for his rest next season. After all he will only be the same age as Aldaniti was last year". Cruise Missile gave Steve Smith Eccles the second leg of a double. Half an hour earlier the jockey had also won the Littleton Novices Handicap on Red Field.

● Captain Marcos Lemos confirmed yesterday that he had just bought Fitzroy House and stables from its previous owner, Jack Fisher, Michael Phillips writes. The deal was handled by Christopher Stephenson who is fast making a name for himself as a specialist in the field of stud and racing properties.

Captain Lemos went on to say that his latest acquisition would not affect his own racing plans and that his 40 horses in training in Newmarket would remain at Carlburg in the care of Clive Brittain.

Apparently he sold Carlburg to Brittain a year ago. Frank Durr, who has trained at Fitzroy House for the past three seasons, has renewed his lease

Captain Lemos said yesterday that he had bought Fitzroy House purely as an investment. But he now intended renovating the property completely so that it would become one of the finest of its type in the land.

ROUND-UP

SHOW JUMPING

Broome's last chance to add to car collection

David Broome, who has won six Lancia cars in the past seven years, can add to his collection when he starts favourite at the Lancia Trophy show jumping competition at Park Farm, Middlesex, today.

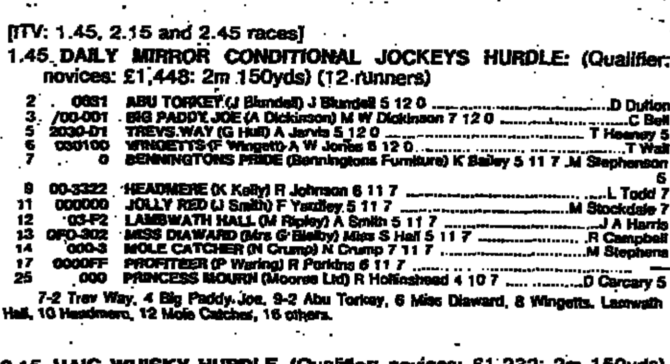
The car, worth £7,500, goes to the rider with the highest combined points total in two events — the trophy and the silver lance, Broome has some of his best horses qualified in both.

Broome, who is 42, missed out in 1976 after winning for the first time the previous year. If he is still short of the odd vehicle or so, now is the time to make his move for a replacement as the sponsors are pulling out after ten years.

"It is all very sad", Raymond Brooks-Ward, the managing director of British Equestrian Promotions, said. "But we can only thank Lancia for their tremendous support for show jumping."

The Lancia Trophy also carries a first prize of £1,400 and Broome, who has twice won the individual title (in 1975 and 1979), can make it a treble with Mr Ross, last seasons winner of the King George V Gold Cup. But the opposition will be severe, not only from riders like Harvey Smith, Malcolm Pyrah and Caroline Bradley, but talented youngsters like 18-year-old Lesley McNaught, the european junior champion.

Miss McNaught, the Warwickshire protegee of Ted Edgar has qualified five horses throughout the season, although under the rules she can only ride three of them. She has selected Whato, One More Time, and the surefooted FMS Barbarella.



Broome . . . winner of six Lancias

Nick skelton and Graham Fletcher, who have both given up the chance of a gold medal in 1984 Olympic Games by relinquishing their amateur status during the week, are also competing. Skelton the 1978 trophy winner, has another chance with Carat.

BASKETBALL

Ball is in Palace's court

By Nicholas Harling

Not until the last baskets of the National League season have been sunk tomorrow evening are the winners of the first division likely to be known.

The title's destiny is Crystal Palace or Solent, that much is sure, but little else is in the closest ever finish to the league season, which must be just what the English Basketball Association wanted for selling the sport to Channel Four for a live evening's viewing every week from November.

The two clubs are level on points, having both lost two games — one to each other — but Palace are ahead, having scored five more points in the games in between. So if Palace win their last two games at Whitbread Manchester tonight and at John Carr Doncaster they will take their sixth title, no matter what Solent manage to do at home to Sunderland tonight and at TCB Brighton tomorrow.

On paper the two contenders have one easy game and one hard one. Palace should beat Manchester and Solent should overcome Brighton, but Palace will doubtless find Doncaster, still smarting from Wednesday's 69-67 defeat at Palace; their coach, Morris Wordsworth, accused the referees "of not being competent enough to handle such an important fixture".

The Yorkshire club will be relaxed, having already qualified for next month's National Championship Play-offs at Wembley. Palace will still be without Roma, who has hepatitis.

Solent's fear must be that Sunderland need to win what is their last game to have a chance of defending their title at Wembley, having surprisingly lost 83-76 to Team Talbot Guildford in overtime on Thursday. If Sunderland fail, last season's league champions, Fiat Birmingham, will take their place at Wembley as long as they avenge an earlier league defeat by Guildford at the Aston Villa Sports Centre tonight.

SKIING

Weirather's view is not a happy one

Whistler Mountain, Canada, Feb 26.—Bad weather is threatening the men's downhill which is due to launch the North American stage of the alpine skiing World Cup here tomorrow. Heavy snow brought bad visibility to the training runs which were dominated by Dave Irwin, a Canadian whose unusually high position was largely due to him having a late run.

Irwin, 28, started in twentieth position while the narrowly beaten Austrian runner-up, Helmut Hoeflehner, skied third. The Austrians, disappointing in the first training runs, did much better yesterday with four of their downhill specialists achieving places in the top ten.

Leading skiers have been critical of the course, and the Austrian world champion, Harti Weirather, complained: "I should have brought my cross-country skis. This isn't worthy of the World Cup. It's too easy even for a women's downhill." In the bad visibility, none of the favourites were taking any chances in training. Steve Podborksi was almost half a second down on Irwin while Weirather trailed by more than three seconds.

The Austrian, twenty points adrift of Podborksi in the title race, said: "If I don't finish among the first three in Whistler, the cup will be Podborksi's and he'll thoroughly deserve it."

The season-long battle between West Germany's Irene Epple and Switzerland's Erika Hess moves to North America for a World Cup women's giant slalom race tomorrow at Aspen Mountain, Colorado. Miss Epple, 24, has won three giant slaloms this season, and with another victory she would secure the giant slalom title.

A lovely dish to put before the King

Oslo, Feb 26.—King Olav V, a devoted ski enthusiast, cancelled Friday's weekly government council at his Oslo palace so that he could attend the world nordic ski championship at Holmenkollen. The council was cancelled at the king's own request, a palace announcement said.

The King, 79 next July, is a former competitor at the annual Holmenkollen ski festival. He took part in the jumping in the 1920s and was recently awarded the gold medal of the Olympic Order by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) for his lifelong services to sport. King Olav V was joined by another ski enthusiast for the last three days of the competitions here, King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden.

Norway won the 90 metres hill jumping team event in another close finish today and equalled an all-time record of seven gold medals in these fiercely contested championships. But Rhisa Smetanina, the Soviet Union's greatest all-round skier, spoilt Norway's day by beating Berit Runli in the women's 20 km cross-country. Miss Runli finished the women's section with three golds and one silver — an unparalleled achievement.

The wind affected the women's race with snow blowing off the trees and slowing the track. Miss Smetanina won in 1hr 06min 16.98sec, Miss Ruuli was second in 1hr 06min 20.3sec and Hilda Rithivuori of Finland

WOMEN'S 20KM CROSS-COUNTRY: 1, R Smetanina (USSR) 1hr 06mins 16.9sec; 2, B Aunli (Norway) 1:06.20.3; 3, H Riihivuori (Finland) 1:07.29.6; 44, R Coats (GB) 1:19.48 9. Current World Cup standings. 1, K Jenova (Czechoslovakia) 97 pts; 2, B Aunli (Norway) 74; 3, H Paciarova (Czechoslovakia) 64

MEN'S 90M SKI JUMP: 1, Norway 718 5 pts; 2, Austria 717.6; 3, Finland 670 8. — AP and Agence France-Presse.

SKIING CONDITIONS

	Depth (cm) L	Depth (cm) U	Conditions Piste	Conditions Off Piste	Runs to resort	Weather (5 pm)	°C
Crans-Montana	100	150	Good	Powder	Good	Fine	+4
New snow on good base							
Davos	140	250	—	—	—	Fine	-3
Ideal skiing conditions							
Flaine	160	395	Good	Powder	Good	Fine	-6
Excellent skiing							
Kitzbühel	100	190	Good	Powder	Good	Fair	-8
Niedorau	70	230	Good	Good	Good	Cloud	+3
Good skiing on and off piste							
St Moritz	60	100	Good	Varied	Icy	Fine	-6
Good skiing on upper slopes							
Sauze d'Oulx	20	75	Varied	Varied	Fair	Fine	+3
South facing slopes icy							
Verbier	80	280	Good	Good	Good	Fine -2	-2
New snow on hard base							
Villars	30	140	Good	Powder	Good	Fair	-1
Pistes in good condition							
Wegen	40	130	Good	Powder	Good	Fine	-6
Marvellous skiing everywhere							

In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper slopes. The following reports have been received from other sources:

Norway

	Depth (cm) L	Depth (cm) U	State of Piste	Weather	°C
Finse	—	150	Good	—	-7
Geilo	—	80	Good	—	-10
Lillehammer	—	110	Hard	—	-8
Norefjell	—	85	Good	—	-7
Oslo	—	70	Hard	—	-2
Rjukan	—	70	Good	—	-8
Voss	—	135	Good	—	-4

SCOTLAND: Cairngorm: Main runs, a few complete but narrow, all others broken, new snow with icy patches; lower slopes, very little hard-packed snow, vertical runs 1,400 feet, access roads clear, snow level 2,200 feet. Glenshee: Main runs, a few complete but narrow, all others broken, new snow on a firm base; lower slopes, limited nursery areas, new snow; vertical runs 1,000 feet, access roads clear, snow level 2,000 feet. Glencoe: Main runs, all complete, new snow drifting, lower slopes, all complete, wet snow on a firm base; vertical runs 1,500 feet, access roads clear, snow level 2,100 feet. Lecht: Main runs, only one high-level run complete, all others broken, wet snow; lower slopes, limited nursery areas, wet snow; vertical runs 600 feet, access roads clear, snow level 2,000 feet.

Kempton Park

Tote double: 2.30 & 3.30. Treble: 2.0, 3.0 & 4.0.
[Television (ITV): 1.30, 2.0 & 2.30]

1.30 FOOD BROKERS HURDLE (Novices: £2,813: 2m) (7 runners)
101 211201 DASMAN (D) (Sheik Fahad) F Winter 7-12-3 ..... J Francome
103 440100 TRISKA (DB) (L Kennard) L Kennard 6-11-9 ..... R Dennis 7
108 4- MORALITY STONE (Mrs I Backley) P Mitchell 5-11-6 ..... R S Hughes
109 00rf-0p SEA OTTER (Mrs J Dening) R Dening 8-11-5 ..... R Rowell
113 0000 HENRY'S WISH (Mrs C Maunders) R Atkins 4-10-5 ..... R Rowe
115 11 JANUS (D) (K Little) Mrs N Smith 4-10-5 ..... S Shilston
116 0 KINGS PARADE (M Ritzenberg) G Thorner 4-10-5 ..... P Scudamore
8-11 Dasman, 2 Janus, 7 Morality Stone, 12 Triska, 16 King's Parade, 25 others.

2.00 TOTE PLACEPOT HURDLE (4-y-o: £6,507: 2m) (8)
201 131 LULAY (CD) (C Gaventa) D Nicholson 11-6 ..... P Scudamore
202 111 ROYAL VULCAN (CD) (Mrs N Parr) N Callaghan 11-6 ..... J Francome
205 -010013 BUSTINETO (D) (T Kinsella) M O'Toole (Ire) 10-10 ..... N Madden
206 -042121 JADE AND DIAMOND (D) (C Freud) D Elsworth 10-10 ..... R Linley
207 12 MORICE (D) (J Horgan) R Hannon 10-10 ..... A Turnell
208 131 ROBIN WONDER (D) (F Hunt) D Elsworth 10-10 ..... C Brown
209 42 SHINY COPPER (D Tyler) Mrs N Smith 10-10 ..... R Rowe
211 142 TIGER WHALE (C Foley) M O'Brien (Ire) 10-10 ..... S Smith Eccles
11-8 Royal Vulcan, 6-4 Lulay, 5 Morice, 8 Tiger Whale, 12 Bustineto, 16 others.

2.30 TOTE PATTERN CHASE (Handicap: £8,403: 3m) (7)
301 11-112f FAIRY KING (T Kilroe & Sons) J Fitzgerald 9-11-10 ..... S Smith Eccles
302 222112 SWEEPING ALONG (CD) (Mrs M Slade) J Gifford 9-11-7 ..... R Rowe
305 0f1311 MANTON CASTLE (CD) (R Peskin) J Gifford 8-10-10 ..... J Francome
306 0fp024 TWO SWALLOWS (CD) (G Steinberg) R Armytage 9-10-8 ..... A Webber
307 11111f SEAMUS O'FLYNN(D) (Mrs A Dickinson) M W Dickinson 7-10-5 ..... R Earnshaw
308 3-21312 LENEY DUAL (D) (M Deeley) D Nicholson 7-10-4 ..... P Scudamore
309 10p/fp- WANSFORD BOY (D Lewis) D Lewis 10-10-0 ..... R Dickin
11-4 Fairy King, 3 Seamus O'Flynn, 9-2 Leney Dual, 6 Sweeping Along, 13-2 Manton Castle, 9 Two Swallows, 66 Wansford Boy

3.0 RENDLESHAM HURDLE (£4,588: 3m) (10)
401 11f-pp1 DERRING ROSE (CDB) (P Savill) F Winter 7-11-12 ..... J Francome
404 110001 MR MOONRAKER (Mrs P Blackburn) Miss S Morris 5-11-3 ..... M O'Halloran
405 311120 DU-MAURIER (C) (A Aylett) A Aylett 9-11-3 ..... M Harrington
406 300022 HILL OF SLANE (C) (A Turnbull) A Jarvis 6-11-3 ..... A Turnell
407 114113 MAYOTTE (D) (T Smith) R Holder 7-11-3 ..... P Richards
408 301440 GRAND HUSSAR (CDB) (D Hebditch) L Kennard 8-11-0 ..... R Linley
410 43-0p30 MENDELSTA (J Peers) M Haynes 8-11-0 ..... A Wright
411 20-4023 MOUNT HARVARD (Furlong Bros) N Henderson 6-11-0 ..... S Smith Eccles
412 001014 PRICE REVIEW (Mrs J Wakely) K Bailey 8-11-0 ..... A Webber
413 u10100 RING TIN TIN (D) (A Ford) L Kennard 8-11-0 ..... R Dennis
11-4 Derring Rose, 4 Mount Harvard, 5 Mr Moonraker, Hill of Slane, 6 Mayotte, 9 Grand Hussar, 14 Du Maurier, 25 others.

3.30 GALLOWAY BRAES CHASE (Novices: £3,173: 2m) (8)
502 21-00f1 CLASSIFIED (G Rogers) N Henderson 6-11-4 ..... S Smith Eccles
505 0f0122 RUN HARD (CD) (H Joel) R Turnell 7-11-4 ..... Steve Knight
506 0-3210b SULMINOS (D) (C House) C House 7-11-4 ..... P Scudamore
507 f40 GLENORA (D Lewis) D Lewis 7-11-0 ..... R Dickin
511 00001/1 LAST ARGUMENT (Mrs W Eykyn) N Gaselee 8-11-0 ..... R Linley
513 4f2-000 RIDARRAGH (Mrs J Yardley) F Yardley 8-11-0 ..... —
514 000p-01 SWIFT KING (D Greig) D Greig 7-11-0 ..... A Webber
515 e-0fu12 WATER ROCK (D) (J Thorne) J Thorne 7-11-0 ..... R Hoare
7-4 Run Hard, 2 Classified, 4 Sulminos, 7 Water Rock, 10 Last Argument, 14 others

4.0 PORTLANE CHASE (Handicap: £2,924: 2½m) (9)
602 f2124-0 HOT TOMATO (Mrs M McL Barker) J Edwards 10-11-9 ..... —
603 120p11 SPARTAN MAJOR (CDB) (Mrs W Sykes) Mrs W Sykes 8-11-7 ..... C Brown
605 1f120p KEENGADDY (D) (J Single) N Gaselee 9-11-0 ..... V McKevitt 7
607 111023 QUARTO (DB) (A Morton) P Bailey 7-10-13 ..... R Linley
608 11p02p GREY FUSILIER (T Hayward) Mrs N Smith 7-10-9 ..... S Shilston
610 2-2f12f GLENHAWK (D) (Express Newspapers) H Price 8-10-8 ..... C Gwilliam 4
612 0-40012 FLASH HARRY (D) (F Yardley) F Yardley 9-10-0 ..... S Smith Eccles
613 0f2310 FALKLAND PALACE (A Elsa) D Morley 5-10-0 ..... P Scudamore
614 2p- COQUELICOT (G Passey) Miss E Sneyd 8-10-0 ..... D Jackson 7
5-2 Spartan Major, 4 Quarto, 5 Glenhawk, 6 Hot Tomato, 8 Flash Harry, 9 Keengaddy, 10 Falkland Palace 16 others.

Kempton Park results

Going: Good To soft

1.30 (1.33) EMBLEM CHASE (Handicap: £2,313: 2m)
PRAYUKTA, br g by Prince Regent-Pitaya (Mrs L Macauley) 7-11-7 J Francome (4-5 fav) 1
Spin Again ..... P Scudamore (7-4) 2
Tower Moss ..... C Mann (6-1) 3
TOTE: Win, 15p. Dual F, 16p. CSF, 22p. F Winter at Lambourn. 5l, 5l, 3 ran.

2.00 (2.1) LITTLETON HURDLE (Handicap: 4-y-o novices: £867: 2½m)
RED FIELD, b c by Tudor Rhythm-Glebe (J Orbell) 10-4 ..... S Smith-Eccles (4-1) 1
Wally Wombat ..... P Scudamore (3-1 fav) 2
Sir Givenchy ..... A Coogan (8-1) 3
TOTE: Win, 65p. Places 20p, 13p, 18p. Dual F: £1.88. CSF: £1.71. W Holden, at Newmarket. 1l, 2½l. High Reaven (10-1) 4th. 9 Ran.

2.30 (2.32) OTARD COGNAC CHASE (Novices: £2,282: 2m)
CRUISE MISSILE b h, by Bend A Bow-Polaris Missile (M Thorne) 6-10-11 S Smith-Eccles (6-1) 1
Princeton ..... J. Francome (11-10 fav) 2
Kalkashandil ..... P Scudamore (4-1) 3
TOTE: Win, 65p; places, 36p, 11p. Dual F: 57p. CSF: £1.23. N Henderson, at Lambourn, 3l,3l. Imperium (11-2) 4th. 7 ran.

3.0 (3.1) GIBBS LAND-ROVER CHASE (Qualifier: Hunters: £1,615: 3m)
DANCING BRIG, br g by New Brig — Dancing Deal (Mrs L Clay) 11-12-0 T Clay (8-11-fav) 1
Sun Lion ..... C Bealby (10-1) 2
Jack Madness ..... A J Wilson (9-4) 3
TOTE: Win, 18p. Dual F: 27p. CSF: 81p. T Clay, at Arundel. 8l, 3l. Kiani (9-1) 4th. 4 ran. NR: Rolls Rambler.

3.30 (3.39) ASHFORD HURDLE (Div 1: Novices: £1,053: 2m)
TRACYS SPECIAL, b h by High Top — Devastating (Maj J Rubin) 5-11-10 A Turnell (12-1) 1
Artic Warbler ..... J Francome (16-1) 2
Coral Leisure ..... B Reilly (14-1) 3
TOTE: Win, 78p; places, 29p, 31p, 31p. Dual F: £5.66. CSF: £18.21. R Hannon, at Marlborough. ¾l. Mirror Boy evens fav. Esal Condor (11-2) 4th. 19 ran. NR: Congo.

4.0 (4.10) ASHFORD HURDLE (Div II: novices: £1,068: 2m)
LEANDER BLUE b g by Leander — Singing Hinny (Mrs M. Rogers) 5-11-5 P. Scudamore (9-2) 1
Plundering ..... J. Francome (15-8 fav) 2
Mayfield Boy ..... R. G. Hughes (33-1) 3
TOTE: Win, 48p; places, 24p, 18p, 86p. Dual F: 33p. CSF: £1.52. D. Nicholson, at Stow-on-the-Wold. 6l, 5l. St William (8-1) 4th 22 ran.
TOTE DOUBLE: Cruise Missile and Tracy's Special, £37.80. TREBLE: Red Field, Dancing Brig and Leander Blue, £27.30. JACKPOT: £1,023.70. PLACEPOT: £17.70.

State of going (official): Doncaster: good; Stratford: good to soft; Kempton: soft. Monday Leicester: good to soft.

Stratford-on-Avon

2.0 BIDFORD CHASE (Handicap: novices: £1,505: 2m) (12 runners)
5 32-p1 MIDNIGHT SONG (CD) Forster 7-11-7 ..... H Davies
8 2ppf FAST REACTOR Winter 8-11-2 ..... De Haan
10 0-f20 RESTLESS SHOT Webber 7-11-2 ..... Mr Webber
11 2uf3- LORGAN PRICE Forster 7-11-0 ..... P Hobbs
15 040222 TEN BEARS T M Jones 6-10-9 ..... Madgwick 7
17 3-f21 STATIST (B) Hallett 7-10-7 (5ex) ..... Wright 4
18 3fpb THE WURZEL Hollis 7-10-7 ..... M Williams
19 234f DENTON (B) W Wharton 6-10-7 ..... S O'Neill
23 f031 RAG TIME BAND Chamberlain 7-10-7 ..... Mann 7
24 4b0-0 DIAMOND DIVINE Pugh 9-10-7 ..... —
25 0203 REEHAD Hallett 7-10-7 ..... Keightley 4
26 0300 FAIR BRUTUS Shaw 9-10-7 ..... —
6-4 Midnight Song, 3 Ten Bears, 4 Statist, 13-2 Fast Reactor, 12 Restless Shot, 16 others.

2.30 LUDDINGTON HURDLE (Handicap: selling: £635: 2m) (20)
1 00p0 PRIMSIDE Widman 6-11-11 ..... Johns 7
2 004p LEAM LORD O Brennan 6-11-6 ..... Brennan 7
4 4000 MARECHAL Soane 5-11-5 ..... Soane
7 0p-00 GLISSEEN M James 5-11-1 ..... Morshead
10 0-0p0 LYN AFFAIR (B) Kernick 5-10-12 ..... Barrett 4
11 -0001 TOATLEY ABLE (D) Keenor 5-10-10 ..... A Wathen 7
14 030-0 WESTON BAY Pipe 5-10-7 ..... —
15 000f GO LISSAVA (D) Barton 4-10-6 ..... Mr Low 7
16 0220 NUNSWALK J M Bradley 5-10-6 ..... Liddicoat 7
18 0p-p0 DECOMPRESSION Madwar 5-10-4 ..... S McNeill
20 3403 LOWNDES COURT Chapman 4-10-1 ..... Charles-Jones 7
22 3300 SAUCY LAURA Brazington 5-10-1 ..... C Jones
23 00p0- CHERCHEZ LA FEMME Pipe 6-10-0 ..... Lorna Vincent
26 00p0 MUSICAL BRIDGE (B) Chapman 4-10-0 ..... S O Neill
27 0000 BRAHMS AND LISZT (D) Charles 6-10-0 ..... Charles 4
29 0p00 HUNTING HEIR Mrs Pitman 5-10-0 ..... De Haan
30 00-00 ATLANTIC MONARCH Earl Jones 6-10-0 ..... R Davies
32 p0/p- SHERRIFS BOY Eckley 6-10-0 ..... O'Hagan 4
33 p402 REDESIGN (B) T Marshall 4-10-0 ..... J Davies 7
35 0ff0 TAPDANCER W Clay 4-10-0 ..... Elliott 4
3 Lowndes Court, 4 Nunswalk, 13-2 Redesign, 8 Glisseen, 10 Toatley Able, 12 Weston Bay, Saucy Laura, 14 Brahms and Liszt, 16 others.

3.0 LADBROKE WARWICK HOTEL HURDLE (Handicap: £3,444: 2m) (14)
2 0124- ORMUS (D) Henderson 5-11-7 ..... Maj Sward
3 0-334 KILBRITTAIN CASTLE (D) F Walwyn 6-11-5 ..... W Smith
6 1113 TOULOUSE Cobden 7-11-3 ..... P Hobbs
7 p0 TENNIS TRACK Hickman 4-11-3 ..... Charles-Jones 7
8 4412 RAG DANCER (D) Elsey 5-11-0 ..... Flint
9 1003 PRINCE OF BERMUDA (CD) Mrs Babbage 7-11-0 ..... Mr Babbage 4
10 220-0 SIMPSON JERSEY (D) McMahon 8-10-13 ..... McCourt
11 0303 BICKLEIGH BRIDGE (D) Andrews 8-10-9 ..... S G Knight
12 4101 RACONTEUR (D) M H Easterby 5-10-8 (7ex) ..... Mr Easterby
13 -p240 FRA MAU (D) Miss Griffiths 6-10-7 ..... Brooke 7
14 0011 AVOGEM (D) Mrs Russell 5-10-6 ..... Morshead
17 3f44 WHISKY GO GO (D) R Morris 6-10-5 ..... F Morris
23 00-12 BROCK HILL (CD) G Price 6-10-0 ..... Low 7
25 00-000 SUMMER SOLDIER Lady Aubrey-Fletcher 5-10-0 ..... H Davies
11-4 Raconteur, 9-2 Rag Dancer, 11-2 Kilbrittain Castle, 7 Avogem, 10 Toulouse, Bickleigh Bridge, 12 Brock Hill, 14 others.

3.30 HAIG WHISKY HURDLE (Qualifiers: novices: £1,275: 2m) (17)
4 d/323 ORIGINAL STEP Hallett 7-11-10 ..... Wright 4
5 1211 POSTDYNE (D) Mann 7-11-10 ..... R Mann
7 0011 STORMY SPRING (D) Nicholson 5-11-6 ..... H Davies
17 -0023 FRENCH POLLY Tucker 6-11-0 ..... R Millman 7
18 000-0 GAMBLING FOX Underhill 6-11-0 ..... Suthern
19 0-00 GRAND REVIEW Mrs Sykes 6-11-0 ..... Morshead
21 00- MIDNIGHT ROCKET Brazington 6-11-0 ..... C Jones
22 MINGO'S PRINCE Charles 6-11-0 ..... Charles 4
24 MISS WILLIE Mrs Pilkington 6-11-0 ..... Mr Wilson
26 4f3/f RUNWELL Cobden 6-11-0 ..... Muggeridge 7
28 0-fpp SILVER TONGUE Courage 6-11-0 ..... Mr Thomson-Jones
32 030-p TREVARRACK Hallett 7-11-0 ..... Hallett
34 00 VENT ARRIERE R Morris 6-11-0 ..... F Morris
40 ESCORPION F Walwyn 5-10-10 ..... Chapman 7
43 HILBARIAN B Stevens 5-10-10 ..... —
45 400-0 LADBURY LAD Wilesmith 5-10-10 ..... Hyett
48 0f0 MIDNIGHT LILY Brazington 5-10-10 ..... C Jones
11-8 Stormy Spring, 100-30 Original Step, 5 Postdyne, 10 Escorpion, 12 French Polly, 16 others.

4.0 EDWARDS, BIGWOOD AND BEWLAY CHASE (Handicap: £2,944: 2m) (6)
1 1111 RATHGORMAN (CD) Dickinson 10-12-7 ..... Whyte
2 4402 STOPPED (CD) Winter 10-11-13 ..... De Haan
3 2022 BEACON LIGHT (D) Turnell 11-11-1 ..... —
7 1100 REGENT'S GARDEN (D) Andrews 10-10-0 ..... Bourne 7
8 -2122 REPIQUE (D) Earl Jones 8-10-0 ..... R F Davies
9 0202 THINK BIG (D) Silvester 9-10-0 ..... Hyett
5-4 Beacon Light, 2 Rathgorman, 5 Stopped, 14 Repique, 16 Think Big, 25 Regent's Garden.

4.30 GAY SHEPPARD CHASE (Hunters: £673: 3¼m) (12)
1 u414- SPARTELLA (CD) W Barnett 10-12-10 ..... R Mann 7
4 3f0-0 DICKWYN J Elliott 10-12-0 ..... Elliott 7
5 0232- FORBIDDEN FRUIT Mrs J Rainford 12-12-0 ..... Brookes 7
6 103-2 GAY TAB N Gaselee 9-12-0 ..... Brooks 7
7 103-p GLENCARRY R Waley-Cohen 8-12-0 ..... C Bealby 7
8 /u00- IRISH SHAMROCK H Geddes 11-12-0 ..... Mr Walter 4
10 JUDGE JAMES R Kettle 8-12-0 ..... —
12 p033- MAURITIUS (D) D Arbuthnot 10-12-0 ..... Ponsonby 7
13 23-p1 MEET IN THE CASBAH (D) H Manners 9-12-0 ..... A J Wilson
14 14-21 ROYAL DUST Mrs E Cockburn 8-12-0 ..... R Mann 7
15 3u/u4 TOM BOMBADIL (D) R Picton-Warlow 12-12-0 ..... Picton-Warlow 7
16 0-124 WELLANDS COPSE C Nash 9-12-0 ..... M Wilkinson 7
7-4 Meet In The Casbah, 3 Royal Dust, 4 Forbidden Fruit, 7 Spartella, 10 Gay Tab, 14 others.

Kempton Park selections

By Our Racing Correspondent

1.30 Dasman. 2.0 Royal Vulcan. 2.30 Seamus O'Flynn. 3.0 Derring Rose. 3.30 Classified. 4.0 Hot Tomato.

Stratford selections

By Michael Seely

2.0 Statist. 2.30 Nunswalk. 3.0 Raconteur. 3.30 Stormy Spring. 4.0 Rathgorman. 4.30 Spartella.

Southwell

Going: soft (with heavy patches)

1.45 (1.47) ELSTON CHAPEL CHASE (Novice handicap: £640: 3m 110yd)
KEEP TRYING, ch g by Golden Love — Hidden Blossom (J Walby) 6-11-8 R Lamb (13-8) 1
Cypo ..... J Burke (6-1) 2
Barton Cross ..... J McLaughlin (33-1) 3
TOTE: Win, 25p; places, 11p, 20p, £5.56. Dual F: 42p. CSF: £1.08. T: £19.96. W A Stephenson at Bishop Auckland. Sh hd, 5l. Mount Allen (20-1) 4th. 14 ran.

2.15 (2.15) NORMAN MOTTE HURDLE (Selling handicap: £542: 2m)
GAMBLING WREN, br m by Knave To Play — Parade (P Riley) 6-10-1(bl) M Elliott (8-1) 1
Tiptoe Lover ..... Kim Spink (2-1 fav) 2
Florence ..... M Charles (9-1) 3
TOTE: Win, £1.17; places, 30p, 11p, 12p. Dual F: £1.19. CSF: £2.43. T: £13.90. W Clay at Uttoxeter. 6l, 1½l. Roofer (7-2) 4th. 12 ran. No bid for the winner.

2.45 (2.48) MINSTER CHASE (Handicap: £1,320: 2m 74yd)
BASH STREET KID b g by Mummy's Pet — Bashi (M Raphael) 7-11-2 R Goldstein (9-2) 1
Starlight Lad ..... C Grant (6-4 fav) 2
St Terbay ..... P Tuck (16-1) 3
TOTE: Win, 51p. places, 15p, 14p, 31p. Dual F: 34p. CSF: £1.08. Tricast: £7.08. R Hood at Lewis. 4l, 2l. Dear Remus (6-1) 4th. 10 ran.
NR: Bankers' Security, News Line.

3.15 (3.16) NEWARK CASTLE HURDLE (Handicap: £1,048: 2½m)
BOARDMANS SPECIAL b g by Silly Season — Shenvalhe (Maj J Rubin) 8-11-12 J Burke (100-30 fav) 1
Speed of Light ..... J A Harris (11-2) 2
Walduck ..... P Dever (9-1) 3
TOTE: Win, 55p, places, 17p, 14p, 20p, 52p. Dual F: 38p. CSF: £2.23. Tricast: £13.81. A Jarvis at Royston. 12l, 10l. Hit The Hooz (50-1) 4th. 16 ran.
NR: Viscomte, Salute the Law.

3.45 (3.46) HONOURABLE MAN b g by Marcus Brutus — Woodland Maiden (Mrs P Russell) 9-12-1 A Fowler (1-4 fav) 1
Gintop ..... G Holder (13-2) 2
Great Hunt ..... M Bloom (8-1) 3
TOTE: Win, 11p. Dual F: 38p. CSF: 22p. Mrs P Russell at Claxton. 30l, distance. 4 ran (3 finished).
NR: It's Super Candy.

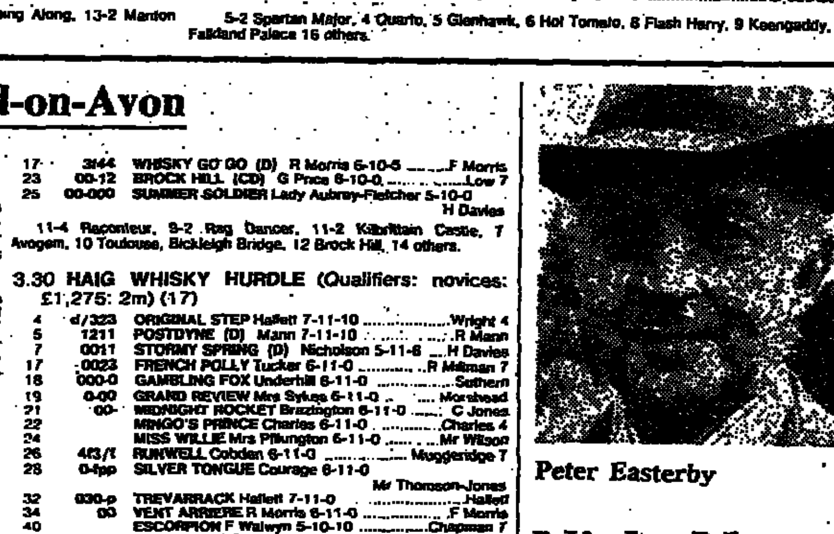
4.15 QUEEN'S SCOUNCE HURDLE (Div I: Novices £414: 2½m)
LE GRAN BRUN b g by Our Native — Summary Procedure (D Elton) 11-1 R Stronge (5-4) 1
The Irish Rhine ..... M Coyle (7-2) 2
Under-Rated ..... P Tuck (3-1) 3
Tote: Win, 20p; Places, 14p, 16p, 10p. Dual F: 22p. C.S.F.: 57p. P Cundell at Compton. 7l, 2½l. Goldliner (12-1) 4th. 9 ran.

4.45 QUEEN'S SCOUNCE HURDLE (Div II: Novices £414: 2½m)
SUPER SPARTAN ch g by Roi Soleil — Last Summer (R Hitchcock) 10-12 S Morshead (7-2) 1
Ziparib ..... J Hughes (14-1) 2
Sweet Highness ..... J Campbell (11-4) 3
Tote: Win 44; places, 16p, 33p, 10p. Dual F: £4.15. C.S.F.: £5.03. J. Spearing at Alcester. 10l, 7l. Master At Arms 9-4 fav.

PLACEPOT £4.15. Silver Leo (14-1) 4th. 9 ran.

□ Some Irish hopes for Cheltenham and Aintree will be on view at Naas today. Two Grand National entries, Carrow Boy and Deep Gale, will be in opposition in the Newlands Handicap Chase, and a field of 17 for the Terry Rogers Fairview Hurdle includes Bobsline, Mister Donovan, Istimewa and Gamble Hall.

□ William Hill report backing for two Triumph Hurdle outsiders yesterday. Gamble Hall was backed from 12-1 down to 9-1 and Cima proved in demand at 14-1 and is now 11-1. Hills also took money for Grittar and make the horse 9-1 clear favourite for the Grand National (from 10-1).



Peter Easterby

Night Nurse should rest easy

By Michael Seely

Night Nurse has only the 1978 Cheltenham Gold Cup winner, Midnight Court, to fear at Doncaster — this afternoon in what is a virtual match for the Pennine Steeplechase. In view of the controversy over the size of the Venture to Cognac — Great Dean forecast at Kempton it will be interesting to see what odds the bookmakers are prepared to offer against The Engineer, the only other runner. After all, if one of the principals fails to complete the course another big payout could be on the cards.

Night Nurse, one of the bravest horses ever to have looked through a bridle, should be much too good for Midnight Court. Although he showed some of his old fire when winning a hunter-chase at Newbury, Midnight Court should be no match for the horse, who after his magnificent record this season is now a shortprice favourite to become the first horse ever to complete the Champion Hurdle Gold Cup double. Peter Easterby has probably given Night Nurse an easy time after his hard race behind Bregawn at Kempton and this afternoon's test should still present no problem.

Also at Doncaster, I rate the chances of Michael Dickinson's Southwell winner, Big Paddy Joe, in the Daily Mirror Conditional Novices Championship and that of Brave George in the Haig Whisky Novices Hurdle qualifiyer. Charlie Muddle undoubtedly possesses better form than Brave George but showed signs of reluctance when scrambling home at Fakenham.

At Stratford-upon-Avon that brilliantly fast two miler Rathgorman is taken to give the weight away all round in the Edwards Bigwood and Bewlay Handicap Steeplechase. On all known form Tathgorman appears to have been set with a difficult task in his attempt to concede 20 lb to Beacon Light who gave News King such a run for his money at Newbury.

However, Rathgorman is virtually unbeatable when tackling comparatively easy fences and should be equal to his task.

Doncaster

[ITV: 1.45, 2.15 and 2.45 races]

1.45 DAILY MIRROR CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HURDLE: (Qualifier: novices: £1,448: 2m 150yds) (12 runners)
2 0031 ABU TORKEY (J Blundell) J Blundell 5 12 0 ..... D Dutton
3 /00-001 BIG PADDY JOE (A Dickinson) M W Dickinson 7 12 0 ..... C Bell
5 2030-01 TREVS WAY (G Hull) A Jarvis 5 12 0 ..... T Heaney 5
6 000100 WINGETTS (F Wingett) A W Jones 6 12 0 ..... T Wall
7 0 BENNINGTONS PRIDE (Benningtons Furniture) K Bailey 5 11 7 ..... M Stephenson 5
8 00-3322 HEADMERE (K Kelly) R Johnson 6 11 7 ..... L Todd 7
11 000000 JOLLY RED (J Smith) F Yardley 5 11 7 ..... M Stockdale 7
12 03-F2 LAMBWATH HALL (M Ripley) A Smith 5 11 7 ..... J A Harris
13 0FO-302 MISS DIAWARD (Mrs G Bielby) Miss S Hall 5 11 7 ..... R Campbell
14 000-3 MOLE CATCHER (N Crump) N Crump 7 11 7 ..... M Stephens
17 0000FF PROFITEER (P Waring) R Perkins 6 11 7 ..... —
25 000 PRINCESS MOURN (Moores Ltd) R Hollinshead 4 10 7 ..... D Carcary 5
7-2 Trev Way, 4 Big Paddy Joe, 9-2 Abu Torkey, 6 Miss Diaward, 8 Wingetts, Lamwath Hall, 10 Headmere, 12 Mole Catcher, 16 others.

2.15 HAIG WHISKY HURDLE (Qualifier: novices: £1,232: 2m 150yds) (6)
2 211321 CHARLIE MUDDLE (B Norman) S Mellor 7-11-10 ..... S Jobar
4 40-0114 AVANTIE (B) (P Rorke) J S Wilson 6-11-5 ..... A Stringer 4
5 2221 BRAVE GEORGE (P Cowell) P Harris 5-11-1 ..... P Carvill
8 000p- GREENHILL HALL (Miss B Duxbury) C Thornton 6-11-0 ..... C Hawkins
10 MICKY STAR (M Avison) J Hurd 7-11-0 ..... C Tinkler
11 04-0000 *SILENT ECHO (A Blackmore) A Blackmore 7-11-0 ..... R Strong 7
Evens Charlie Muddle, 6-4 Brave George, 9-2 Avantie, 12 others.
*11 Silent Echo doubtful.

2.45 PENNINE CHASE (£3,877: 3m 12yds) (3)
2 310ff-1 MIDNIGHT COURT (Mrs O Jackson) F Winter 11-11-8 ..... Mr O Sherwood
3 013123 NIGHT NURSE (C) (R Spencer) M H Easterby 10-11-8 ..... J O'Neill
6 1-f0100 THE ENGINEER (Lord Kilmany) Lord Kilmany 10-11-2 ..... G Holmes
2-2 Night Nurse, 4 Midnight Court, 10 The Engineer.

3.15 VALE OF YORK HURDLE (Handicap: 2½m) (13)
1 2/12322 KATHIES LAD D (J Clayton) A Jarvis 5 11 10 ..... J Burke 7
2 112-000 DRUMBURN (Lady Herries) Lady Herries 6 11 3 ..... R Barry
5 13-0020 CORNERING (A Watson) M H Easterby 6 10 12 ..... A Brown
7 2111-31 MR FOODBROKER (D) (Foodbrokers Ltd) D Kent 7 10 11 ..... P Haynes
10 03-3100 HADAJAR (D) (A Morris) M Tate 7 10 9 ..... C Smith
12 000F31 PADSKI (Mrs R Hollinshead) R Hollinshead 9 10 5 ..... C Astbury
13 0-22000 FOR GOOD (CD) (Lord Cadogan) N Crump 5 10 3 ..... C Hawkins
15 F-OF330 CHEKA (P Mellon) I Balding 6 10 1 ..... B Reilly
16 0400-40 REGGIE DRIFFIELD (H Pearson Gregory) P Calver 6 10 0 ..... C Tinkler
19 102100 CAP TOO (CD) (R Beeson) J Blundell 6 10 0 ..... D Dutton 4
20 1000000 DROPSHOT (CD) (G Moses) G Balding 8 10 0 ..... M Coyle 4
21 24/0-04 LOCHRANZA (CD) (H Michael) E Carr 11 10 0 ..... Miss V Carr 4
23 1-00004 ROCK FALL (C Dent) R Fisher 5 10 0 ..... J O'Neill
7-2 Mr Foodbroker, 4 Kathies Lad, 6 Drumburn, Cornering, 8 Hadajar, 10 Rock Fall, Padski, 12 Cheka, For Good, 16 others.

3.45 ILKLEY MOOR CHASE (handicap: novices: £1,701: 2½m) (4)
2 011p01 BOOK OF KELLS (CDB) (R Beeson) J Blundell 7-11-8 ..... C Grant
10 00-2f11 SUN CLOUD (M Hogan) M H Easterby 7-10-4 ..... J O'Neill
12 102403 PIRATE JACK (J Ramsden) N Crump 10-10-1 ..... C Hawkins
13 bf-320 SPACE BRIDGE (G MacDonald) D Gandillo 6-10-0 ..... P Barton
1-8 Sun Cloud, 5-2 Book of Kells, 7-2 Pirate Jack, 9-2 Space Bridge

4.15 HAMBLETON HILLS HUNTER-CHASE (amateurs: £939: 2½m) (7)
2 024-p4 THE BAKER (D) (Mrs R Wiseman) F Yardley 12-12-1 ..... J Docker
3 a30431 CODWAR (D) (Mrs A Downton) Mrs A Downton 11-11-12 ..... O Sherwood
5 p-4 BEAU VITE (Mrs P Glenn) Mrs P Glenn 7-11-7 ..... J Chugg 7
6 42/2-4u COOCH BEHAR (Mrs P Harris) P Harris 10-11-7 ..... A Fowler
7 40000/4 COROMANDEL (F Chapman) F Chapman 9-11-7 ..... —
8 40000/u EBORNEEZERSDOUBLE (Miss J Thompson) Miss J Thompson 13-11-7 ..... —
9 040fp MARSHELSTOWN (D) (P Hewitt) P Hewitt 12-11-7 ..... P Hewitt 7
6-4 The Baker, 5-2 Codwar, 4 Cooch Behar, 7 Beau Vite, 8 Coromandel, 16 others

4.45 HUMBER HURDLE (handicap: £1,532: 3m 12yds) (18)
3 2411f-p RAISE A BOUNTY (H Axtill) N Crump 9-11-8 ..... C Hawkins
6 3-3p100 MEANLY (E May) D Kent 10-11-6 ..... P Haynes
10 3-0pp00 ISLANDER (Mrs G Weir) Lord Kilmany 10-10-11 ..... G Holmes
11 4-4000 KILROY MANOR (Mrs M Shawcross) R Fisher 6-10-11 ..... J O'Neill
13 1f-4343 MISS COUTURE (Couture Marketing) J W Watts 5-10-10 ..... K Williams 4
14 001001 PAMKINS HART (K Tomlinson) M Tate 6-10-10 ..... C Smith
16 012101 THREE BARS (B Rian Ingamells) J Harris 7-10-8 ..... J Harris 4
17 m-0120 CONSTITUTION HILL (Mrs P Brady) K Bailey 8-10-7 ..... A Webb
18 00000u FOGBOUND (Mrs S Austin) P Curtis 11-10-6 ..... D Wilkinson
21 000003 CORAL JOHN (F Scotto) W A Stephenson 6-10-3 ..... Mr E McIntire 4
22 011 SAM WREKIN (R Thomson) C Bell 4-10-0 (4 ex) ..... —
24 210-010 PARKSTONE QUAY (C) (R Botterill) R Woodhouse 5-10-0 ..... P Tuck
25 31241-p HOPTON (J Clynick) A Harris 7-10-0 ..... —
26 3-04000 MATRA HUL (A Turnbull) A Jarvis 10-10-0 ..... —
28 10/0033 HIGH STEWARD (F Dever) A Potts 9-10-0 ..... P Dever 7
30 103102 COXMOORE KNITWEAR (Cox Moore & Co) A Jarvis 6-10-0 ..... —
31 000/000 SADDLE TRAMP (A T Arnold) Steve A Arnold 10-10-0 ..... C Astbury
33 00-4000 NORTHERN KING (Mrs M Goss) T Kersey 5-10-0 ..... G Kersey 4
3 Pamkins Hart, 4 Miss Couture, 5 Kilroy Manor, 6 Three Bars, 8 Raise A Bounty, Sam Wrekin, 10 Constitution Hill, 12 Meanly, 16 others

Doncaster selections

By Michael Seely

1.45 Big Paddy Joe. 2.15 Brave George. 2.45 Night Nurse. 3.15 Cap Too. 3.45 Sun Cloud. 4.15 Cooch Behar. 4.45 Kilroy Manor.



RUGBY UNION

Smith inflames a tendon and worries English

By Peter West, Rugby Correspondent

There must be a minor tremor of concern in the English camp this weekend because their new captain, Steve Smith, who is due to lead them against Wales next Saturday, has dropped out of the Sale team which plays Rosslyn Park in the fourth round of the John Player Cup this afternoon.

Smith suffered some inflammation of an Achilles tendon at training on Thursday evening, though happily there was no tear. "I have been told not to walk on it for a day or two", he reports. "I'll be having intensive physio treatment for the next five days and will give it a preliminary try-out in midweek. I should be fit in time for the Welsh game." The Park are short of their goal-kickers, Mike Greenhalgh and Paul Bate, both are injured.

This is one of those rare Saturdays in the present season when the clubs can bask in the spotlight. Come Monday's draw for the cup's quarter final round, we may find it concerns three from the midlands (Coventry, Leicester and Moseley), two from the north (Gosforth and Sale), two from the west country (Bristol and Gloucester) and one from the metropolis (Harlequins).

Northampton take a not unreasonable view that Leicester's cup run, involving 16 victories and three winning finals since they were runners-up to Gloucester in 1978, has got to end some time—and why should they not end it? Leicester's preparation has not been made easy by English calls, and they have lost their last two fixtures.

The Saints have put negative thoughts behind them. Yet one must take the Tigers to pull themselves up for the occasion. A crowd of 6,000 is anticipated, almost half of them from Leicester.

The England flanker, Nick Jeavons, who twisted an ankle against France in Paris, is in Moseley's side at the Reddings against London Welsh, but playing on the open side flank. "If there is a better player in that position in the country," his coach, John White, declares, "I have yet to see him. I'm worried that we may get a request from the England selectors to play him on the blind side."

A first meeting between Gosforth and London Scottish presages regular future fixtures starting next season and provides those bonny Northumberland Cup performers with the unusual pleasure of a tie on their own ground. They have played 23 of their 32 cup games away from home. Yet Coventry have had no better luck.

Now drawn against Waterloo, Coventry are travelling for the 24th time out of 33. However, they are going well, they have Huw Davies and Marcus Rose on parade today, and have not lost at Blundellsands since 1964.

The most daunting assignment looks to be that of Exeter, who at Kingsholm take on a full-strength Gloucester side which fancies its chances of going all the way this season. Nor are Liverpool under any illusions about the size of their job at the Memorial Ground, where they face a Bristol side which has won 13 of its last 14 encounters. The Bristol captain, Alan Morley, is their sole survivor from the team which lost the 1973 knock-out final to Coventry.

Metropolitan Police have a useful cup record against London clubs and, fancying their chances this afternoon, will not mind in the least that I have suggested that Harlequins should beat them at Imber Court, as they did in a bad-tempered match the other week. Harlequins, with eight successive wins, have not lost since mid-November. But David Cooke and Paul Jackson will be missed up front, their No. 8, Chris Butcher, is under a 30-day suspension and, in truth, this tie looks to be very much a 50-50 affair.



Smith : passing up a cup chance

It is quarter-final day in the Welsh Cup, sponsored by Schweppes, and the plum tie in those parts must be that between the holders, Cardiff, and Llanelli. England's John Scott is back in Cardiff's ranks, as is Colin Smart with Newport, who meet Aberavon. Smart is none the worse for his unusual experiences in Paris, whether giving a scoring pass or mixing his drinks at the dinner.

A student demonstration and examinations have knocked North Staffordshire out of the final of the British Polytechnics rugby cup. Bristol, who lost their semi-final to North Staffs by a point, now contest the final against Wales at Sunbury next Wednesday. Student action is planned at North Staffs on the day of the final and seven players have to sit examinations, prompting the college to withdraw.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Leigh's loss of key men puts an end to optimism

By Keith Macklin

Malign fate, in the form of the disciplinary committee, appears to have tilted the balance in this year's Challenge Cup back towards Humberside. Leigh had hoped, and expected, that in today's second round tie against Hull Kingston Rovers at Craven Park they would field the side that has swept through the last 13 League fixtures without defeat. Optimism that this was again to be Leigh's year for Wembley has been fuelled by some brilliant free scoring rugby, but the suspensions to Martyn and Green are severe and possibly crippling blows.

Even with Martyn, the pack leader, and Green, the scrum half, Leigh would have had a tough battle against the Cup second favourites. Without Martyn's skilful prompting of the forwards and Green's tigerish vigour at half back, Leigh have no platform for the mercurial skills of their two star internationals, Woods and Drummond. Clarkson, who replaces Martyn, is an experienced forward but lacking in Martyn's guile, while Dunn, the replacement for Green, will have to play well above reserve team form to compensate for the first choice player's absence.

The other Hull club travel to Craven Cottage with their travelling army of fans. Hull are favourites for the trophy, which is sponsored by State Express, and must anticipate a comfortable passage into the third round in view of Fulham's struggle to survive in the first division. Both sides are without their regular hookers due to suspension, but Fulham are likely to miss Dalgreen more than Hull will miss Wileman, purely and simply because Hull's pool of players is the greater.

The Cup holders, Widnes, will be without their stand-off half Tony Myler, another victim of the disciplinary committee, and will play Hughes at stand-off half with Cunningham in the centre. Their opponents, Wigan, are much more seriously handicapped, with Shaw and McLaughlin suspended and Williams, Foy, Ramsdale and Hodkinson injured.

Widnes have comfortably beaten Wigan three times already this season and the holders have such a ruthlessly professional approach to the Challenge Cup that it is hard to see Wigan surviving.

The second round draw contains an abundance of excellent games. The greatly improved and attractive Barrow team should make home advantage count against the disappointing Leeds side. Bradford Northern, of the first division, will get a tough reception from Workington Town, despite the one-match ban on Alf McCannon, who plays for the second division promotion pursuers. Wakefield Trinity are another first division team who will find strong second division opposition in Oldham.

Castleford should progress against Batley, but one second division outfit is sure to survive from the match between Halifax the likely winners, and Rochdale Hornets.

The coloured Bridgend winger Glen Webbe is reported to have rejected a £30,000 offer from Widnes to turn professional. Webbe, who attracted interest from other League clubs, says he wishes to concentrate on winning a senior Welsh cap. Widnes have placed their Great Britain winger, Keith Bentley, on the transfer list at £50,000.

Tony Binder, the Leeds Rugby League full back, was placed on the transfer list last night at a fee of £10,000. Binder, aged 24, has played in 17 matches this season

Sri Lanka's opponents

Bombay, February 25—Sri Lanka's junior cricket team will tour India next December and play three internationals, an Indian cricket control board spokesman announced today. The Sri Lankans also will play two one-day internationals against India, the spokesman said.—AP.

CRICKET

First day's play abandoned

From Peter McFarline
Wellington, Feb 26

A sodden outfield, slippery run-ups and a wet wicket prevented play on the first day of the first Test match between Australia and New Zealand. Prospects of play on the second day are dim, unless there is a rapid improvement in Wellington's notoriously unpredictable weather.

Rain over the previous five days caused ground officials and the umpires, Fred Goodall and Steven Woodward, to agree at 9 am, two hours before the scheduled start, that play was impossible.

Although there was no further rain during the day, overcast conditions made the job of drying the ground difficult.

Pakistan 10 adamant

Lahore, Feb 26.—The 10 Pakistan Test players who have refused to play under the captaincy of Javed Miandad stuck to their position when the cricket board (BCCP) president, Nur Khan, met them here today. The board's council will hold an emergency meeting on Sunday.

None of the players was included in the BCCP Patron's XI announced today for the three-day match against the Sri Lankans starting in Rawalpindi

HOCKEY

Travelling Dutchman brings hope

By Sydney Friskin

Peter de Wit, a much-travelled Dutchman, arrives by air from New York today for two weekend commitments with Bromley. He will play for them in the London League match at home against Hampstead and against Slough tomorrow in the quarter-final of the national championship. He will return to New York almost immediately after the match.

De Wit apparently is unaffected by jet lag. No doubt his quickness of thought and action will be a great asset to Bromley, who have no illusions about their task against Slough who, after winning the indoor title on Thursday, are intent on achieving another indoor and outdoor double.

It will take a superlative effort on Bromley's part to beat Slough. If Slough win they will be following the fortunes of Southgate, whom they defeated in the final last year, and hoping perhaps that their paths will not cross in the semi-final draw which is to be announced tomorrow evening.

Southgate are at home to Fareham, who have done well this season with the help of Andrew Churcher, formerly of Slough. Fareham themselves also have a crucial game today against Trojans in the South League, sponsored by Truman. The winner of this match should go on to win that section of the league.

But tomorrow, in the club championship, there is an interesting London derby between Hounslow and Richmond. Hounslow have so far made heavy weather of their two earlier matches, having beaten both Guildford and Maidenhead on penalty strokes. Against a forthright side like Richmond, led by Phil Newton, Hounslow will need to avoid the foibles which led to the squandering of more than 20 short corners against Maidenhead.

Finally, Bishop's Stortford, the surprise team of the tournament, will have a testing time when they visit Goosedale Farm to play Nottingham, who have a well-organized side.

England keep Scots in a tight corner

By Joyce Whitehead

England defeated Scotland 3—1 in the first match of the international women's B team tournament at Old Trafford yesterday, with the visiting nation's goal coming late in the match. From Elaine MacAra's corner, an England defender stopped the ball with a hand high above the goal line and the resulting penalty stroke was converted by Margaret McLellen.

However, that was Scotland's only real sign of attack as they adopted spoiling tactics. England were almost constantly in attack with Ruth Hawes coming through on many occasions and Helen Woodward fielding the ball well on the right wing.

Lesley Hobley gave England the lead with a splendid shot from a penalty corner in the first half and Susan Slocombe did the same in the second period. Two England goals from corners was a pleasant surprise. Then, in the 41st minute, Miss Hobley scored from a pass from the right in spite of a collision with the Scotland goalkeeper.

In the second match Ireland beat Wales 2—0. Niki Henry scored from a penalty corner in the first half and, after that interval, Gwen Paul placed the ball wide of the advancing Wales goalkeeper. Sally Waters did much good work on the Wales forward line but lacked sufficient support.

RESULTS: England 3, Scotland 1; Ireland 2, Wales 0.

HOCKEY

CRYSTAL PALACE: National Indoor Club Championship: Quarter-final: Stone 7, Firebrands 4; Slough 6, St Albans 0; Bristol 4, Tulse Hill 8; Pelicans 5, South Nottingham 7. Semi-final: Stone 2, Slough 10; Tulse Hill 6, South Nottingham 3. Final: Slough 13, Tulse Hill 3.

Weekend fixtures

Kick-off 3.0 unless stated.

First division

Arsenal v Swansea
Aston Villa v Coventry
Brighton v West Bromwich
Everton v West Ham
Leeds v Liverpool
Manchester U v Manchester City
Nottm Forest v Middlesbrough
Southampton v Birmingham
Stoke v Tottenham
Sunderland v Notts County
Wolverhampton v Ipswich

Second division

Barnsley v Blackburn
Cambridge U v Grimsby
Cardiff v Sheffield W
Charlton v Shrewsbury
Derby v Newcastle
Leicester v Bolton
Luton v Oldham
Norwich v QP Rangers
Orient v Watford
Rotherham v Crystal Palace
Wrexham v Chelsea

F.A. TROPHY: Third round: Altrincham v Mossley; Bishop's Stortford v Witton Albion; Kidderminster v Dagenham; Northwich Victoria v Runcorn; Scarborough v Slough Town; Sutton United v Worcester; Telford v Enfield; Wycombe Wanderers v Bishop Auckland.

ALLIANCE PREMIER LEAGUE: A.P. Leamington v Weymouth; Barnet v Bath; Barrow v Yeovil; Boston United v Dartford; Gravesend v Kettering; Maidstone v Stafford Rangers; Trowbridge v Frickley.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Midland division: Alvechurch v Barry; Bedford v Witney Town; Bridgend v Corby; Bromsgrove v Stourbridge; Cambridge City v Banbury; Enderby Town v Redditch; Gloucester v Nuneaton; Milton Keynes v Cheltenham; Minehead v Merthyr Tydfil; Wellingborough v Taunton. Southern division: Canterbury v Waterlooville; Crawley v Dover; Dunstable v Wealdstone; Folkestone v Fareham Town; Gosport v Tonbridge; Hastings v Andover; Hillingdon v Chelmsford; Hounslow v Addlestone & Weybridge; Poole v Welling United; Salisbury v Ashford; Thanet United v Dorchester.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Bangor City v Gainsborough; Gateshead v Burton Albion; Grantham v Matlock; King's Lynn v Marine; Macclesfield v Tamworth; Morecambe v Oswestry; Netherfield v Lancaster; South Liverpool v Southport; Worksop v Workington.

CENTRAL LEAGUE: Blackburn v Derby; Blackpool v Wolverhampton (3.0); Bolton v Sheffield U (2.0); Huddersfield v Everton (2.0); Liverpool v Leeds (2.0); Manchester City v Bury (2.0); Newcastle v Nottingham Forest (2.0); Sheffield W v Manchester U; West Bromwich v Preston (2.0).

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Ipswich v Plymouth Argyle; Queen's Park Rangers v Orient; Swindon v Leicester City (2.0); Tottenham Hotspur v Birmingham City; Watford v Norwich City; West Ham United v Chelsea (2.0).

Third division

Brentford v Exeter
Bristol Rovers v Southend
Burnley v Portsmouth
Carlisle v Swindon
Chesterfield v Reading
Doncaster v Newport
Fulham v Huddersfield
Gillingham v Plymouth
Oxford U v Chester
Preston v Bristol City
Walsall v Millwall
Wimbledon v Lincoln

Fourth division

Bury v Tranmere (3.15)
Halifax v Hereford
Hull City v Mansfield
Northampton v Bournemouth
Peterborough v Hartlepool
Sheffield U v Port Vale
Torquay v Blackpool (7.30)

IRISH LEAGUE: Ards v Glenavon; Ballymena v Linfield; Cliftonville v Bangor; Glentoran v Distillery; Larne v Crusaders; Portadown v Coleraine.

MIDLAND LEAGUE: Arnold v Appleby Frodingham; Ashby v Sutton Town (2.30); Bridlington v Brigg Town (2.30); Eastwood Town v Heanor; Guisborough v Boston; Ilkeston v Long Eaton (2.30); Mexborough v Skegness (2.30); Shepshed v Spalding (3.30).

WESTERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Barnstaple v Clandon; Dawlish v Wellington; Keynsham v Bridport; Liskeard v Devizes; Mangotsfield v Frome; Welton Rovers v Bideford; Weston Super Mare v Saltash.

ATHENIAN LEAGUE: Banstead Athletic v Edgware; Burnham v Grays Athletic; Chalfont St Peter v Fleet Town; Chertsey Town v Marlow; Harefield United v Woodford Town; Haringey Borough v Horley Town; Hoddesdon Town v Kingsbury Town; Leyton-Wingate v Whyteleafe; Redhill v Ruislip Manor.

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: O Chigwellians v O Malvernians; O Cholmeleians v O Foresters; Lancing OB v O Brentwoods. First division: O Aldenhamians v O Wykehamists; O Bradfieldians v O Harrovians; O Salopians v O Etonians; O Westminsters v O Ardinians.

ARTHUR DUNN CUP: Second round (2.15): Old Carthusians v Old Reptonians.

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Barking v Harrow Borough; Carshalton Athletic v Billericay Town; Dulwich Hamlet v Boreham Wood; Harlow Town v Bromley; Hendon v Staines Town; Hitchin Town v Croydon; Leatherhead v Walthamstow Avenue; Leytonstone and Ilford v Tooting and Mitcham; Woking v Hayes. First division: Aveley v Feltham; Clapton v Bognor Regis Town; Hampton v Farnborough Town; Hertford Town v Lewes; Kingstonian v St Albans City; Metropolitan Police v Ware; Tilbury v Chesham United; Walton and Hersham v Oxford City; Wembley v Epsom and Ewell; Wokingham Town v Hornchurch. Second division: Basildon United v Dorking Town; Camberley Town v Harwich and Parkeston; Cheshunt v Worthing; Corinthian Casuals v Hemel Hempstead; Egham Town v Rainham Town; Epping Town v Molesey; Horsham v Finchley; Southall v Letchworth G.C.; Tring Town v Eastbourne United; Windsor and Eton v Barton Rovers.

Scottish premier division

Aberdeen v Dundee
Airdrie v Partick T
Dundee U v St Mirren
Hibernian v Celtic
Rangers v Morton

Scottish first division

Clydebank v Falkirk
Dunfermline v Hamilton
E Stirlingshire v Dumbarton
Hearts v Raith Rovers
Kilmarnock v Ayr
Motherwell v Queen's Park
St Johnstone v Queen of South

Scottish second division

Albion Rovers v Montrose
Arbroath v Cowdenbeath
Berwick v Meadowbank
Brechin v Stranraer
Clyde v Stirling Albion
East Fife v Forfar
Stenhousemuir v Alloa

NORTHERN LEAGUE: Ferryhill v Evenwood; Horden v Consett; Penrith v Shildon; Tow Law v Ashington; West Auckland v Billingham; Whitby v South Bank; Willington v Durham City; Blyth Spartans v North Shields; Spennymoor v Whitley Bay.

Basketball

NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division (8.0): Whitbread Manchester v Crystal Palace; Fiat Birmingham v Talbot Guildford; Cantabrica Kingston v Liverpool; Ovaltine Hemel Hempstead v Lada Birchwood; Sperrings Solent v Sunderland (6.30). Second division: Travelodge Milton Keynes v Leicester (6.30); Bolton Wanderers v Nottingham (8.0); Bradford Mythbreakers v West Bromwich Kestrels (7.30). Women's Cup: Semi-final: UDT Southgate v Colchester Tigers (3.0).

Ice hockey

ENGLISH NATIONAL LEAGUE: Billingham Bombers v Nottingham Panthers (6.30). English League North: Blackpool Seagulls v Grimsby Buffaloes (8.0). English League South: Altrincham Aces v Streatham Redskins (6.0). Challenge: Glasgow Dynamoes v Toronto Airport Raiders (6.0).

Lacrosse

NORTH OF ENGLAND LEAGUE: First division: Cheadle v Old Hulmeians; Sheffield University v Mellor; South Manchester & Wythenshawe v Old Waconians; Timperley v Heaton Mersey; Urmston v Stockport.

SOUTH OF ENGLAND LEAGUE: Senior Flags Final: Hampstead v Lee (Purley, 3.0). Minor Flags Final: Buckhurst Hill B v Hillcroft A (Purley, 1.30).

Irish Cup draw

IRISH CUP: Semi-final draw, to be played on March 20: Cliftonville v Coleraine; Distillery or Ards v Linfield.

Rugby Union

JOHN PLAYER CUP: Fourth round: Bristol v Liverpool; Gloucester v Exeter; Gosforth v London Scottish (2.30); Metropolitan Police v Harlequins (2.45); Moseley v London Welsh; Northampton v Leicester; Sale v Rosslyn Park; Waterloo v Coventry (2.45).

SCHWEPPES WELSH CUP: Quarter-finals: Bridgend v Maesteg; Cardiff v Llanelli; Newbridge v Pontypool; Newport v Aberavon (3.15).

CLUB MATCHES: Bedford v Fylde; Blackheath v The Army (2.45); Boroughmuir v Melrose; Broughton Park v Harrogate (2.45); Camborne v Penzance & Newlyn; Ebbw Vale v Penarth; Gala v Hawick; Gordonians v West of Scotland; Glamorgan Wanderers v South Wales Police; Halifax v Northern (2.30); Headingley v Hartlepool Rovers (2.30); Hull & E R v Nuneaton (2.30); Jedforest v Kelso; Lydney v Tredegar; Morley v Rugby; Nottingham v Oxford University; Orrell v Middlesbrough; Richmond v London Irish (2.30); Saracens v Cambridge University; Selkirk v Stewarts/Melville F P (2.45); Swansea v Neath; Wasps v Bath; Watsonians v Heriot's; Wilmslow v Vale of Lune (2.30).

Rugby League

CHALLENGE CUP: Second round: Hull K R v Leigh (2.15).

Volleyball

WOMEN: First division: Hemel Hempstead v Ashcombe (Dacorum, 2.0); ALC v Spark (Derby, 6.0); Kelly Girl v Trident Estonians (Tolworth, 2.0); Hillingdon v Colchester (Hayes Youth SC, 6.0).

Badminton

Home countries under-16 quadrangular international (Chester).

Hockey

LONDON LEAGUE: Bromley v Hampstead; Dulwich v Guildford; London University v Tulse Hill; Maidenhead v Blackheath; Mid-Surrey v Hawks; Old Kingstonians v Reading; Purley v Oxford University; St. Albans v Surbiton; Slough v Cheam; Spencer v Beckenham; Wimbledon v Teddington.

SOUTH LEAGUE: Hampshire/Surrey: Chichester v Bournemouth; Epsom v National Westminster Bank; Fareham v Trojans; Hamble OB v Bank of England; Metropolitan Police v Walton; Old Tauntonians v Camberley; Portsmouth & Southsea v Havant. Kent/Sussex: Anchorians v Lloyds Bank; Canterbury v Eastbourne; East Grinstead v Old Williamsonians; Lewes v Folkestone Optimists; Marden Russets v Tunbridge Wells; Sevenoaks v Gravesend; Worthing v Bognor. Middlesex/Berks, Bucks & Oxon: Banbury v Lyons; City of Oxford v Courage; Eastcote v Polytechnic; Gore v Sunbury; Indian Gymkhana v Aylesbury; Oxford Hawks v Amersham; Windsor v Hayes.

WOMEN: International B tournament (Old Trafford, Manchester): Ireland v Scotland (10.0); Wales v England (10.30); Wales v Scotland (1.45); Ireland v England (2.15). Country matches: Essex v Berkshire (Emerson Park, Hornchurch, 2.15); Oxfordshire v Warwickshire (Banbury).

Cross country

Metropolitan League (Cranford).

Karate

Junior European championships (Crystal Palace NSC).

Tomorrow

Football

FOURTH DIVISION: Aldershot v Bradford City (3.15); Darlington v York City; Scunthorpe United v Crewe Alexandra.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Cup, third round replay: King's Lynn v Mossley. League: Worksop v Gateshead.

Rugby League

CHALLENGE CUP: Second round: Barrow v Leeds; Batley v Castleford; Bradford Northern v Workington Town (3.30); Fulham v Hull; Halifax v Rochdale Hornets; Wakefield Trinity v Oldham (3.30); Wigan v Widnes.

FIRST DIVISION: Featherstone Rovers v Warrington (3.30); St Helens v Whitehaven.

SECOND DIVISION: Bramley v Salford; Cardiff City v Dewsbury (3.30); Doncaster v Blackpool Borough; Huyton v Huddersfield; Keighley v Hunslet (3.15); Swinton v Carlisle.

Rugby Union

MIDDLESEX CUP: Semi-finals: Wasps v Richmond; Old Kingsburians v Old Gaytonians.

EAST MIDLANDS CUP: Semi-final: Luton v Old Northamptonians (2.45).

SURREY CUP: Semi-final: London Irish v Old Whitgiftians (2.30).

CORNWALL JUNIOR GROUP CUP: Semi-final: Camborne v Illogan Park (2.45).

Ice hockey

SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Glasgow Dynamoes v Fife Flyers (6.0). England National League: Whitley Warriors v Altrincham Aces (6.30). English League South: Richmond Flyers v Southampton Vikings (5.45); Solihull Barons v Cambridge University (6.15). Ben Truman Cup: Streatham Aces v Avon Arrows (7.15). GEC Trophy: Murrayfield Racers v Durham Wasps (7.0). Challenge: Ayr Bruins v Toronto Airport Raiders (7.0).

Squash rackets

East of England championships (Hunter SRC, Norwich).

Hockey

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS: Quarter-finals: Hounslow v Richmond (2.30); Nottingham v Bishop's Stortford (2.15); Slough v Bromley (2.30); Southgate v Fareham (2.30).

EAST COUNTY LEAGUE: Bedfordshire v Suffolk (Luton); Hertfordshire v Lincolnshire (Clarence Park, St Albans, 2.0); Norfolk v Cambridgeshire (Norwich Union).

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Hawks v RAF (Whiteley Village).

CLUB MATCHES: Cambridge University v Ledgiliers; Sussex University v Sussex Remnants.

WOMEN: Indoor tournaments: Eastern Counties (Cambridge); Northern Counties (Kirkby); Midland Counties (Alfreton, Derby); West clubs championships (Whitchurch, Bristol).

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: WRAF v Slough (Vine Lane, Uxbridge).

Volleyball

WOMEN: First division: Hemel Hempstead v Spark (Dacorum, 1.0); ALC v Ashcombe (Derby, 1.0); Kelly Girl v Colchester (Tolworth, 11.0); Hillingdon v Trident Estonians (Hayes Youth SC); Birmingham A Inst v Speedwell Rucanor (Aston Manor, 12.30).

Badminton

Home countries under-16 quadrangular international (Chester).

Tour match: England v Japan (Guild Hall, Preston).

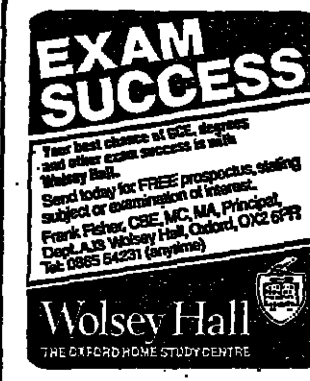
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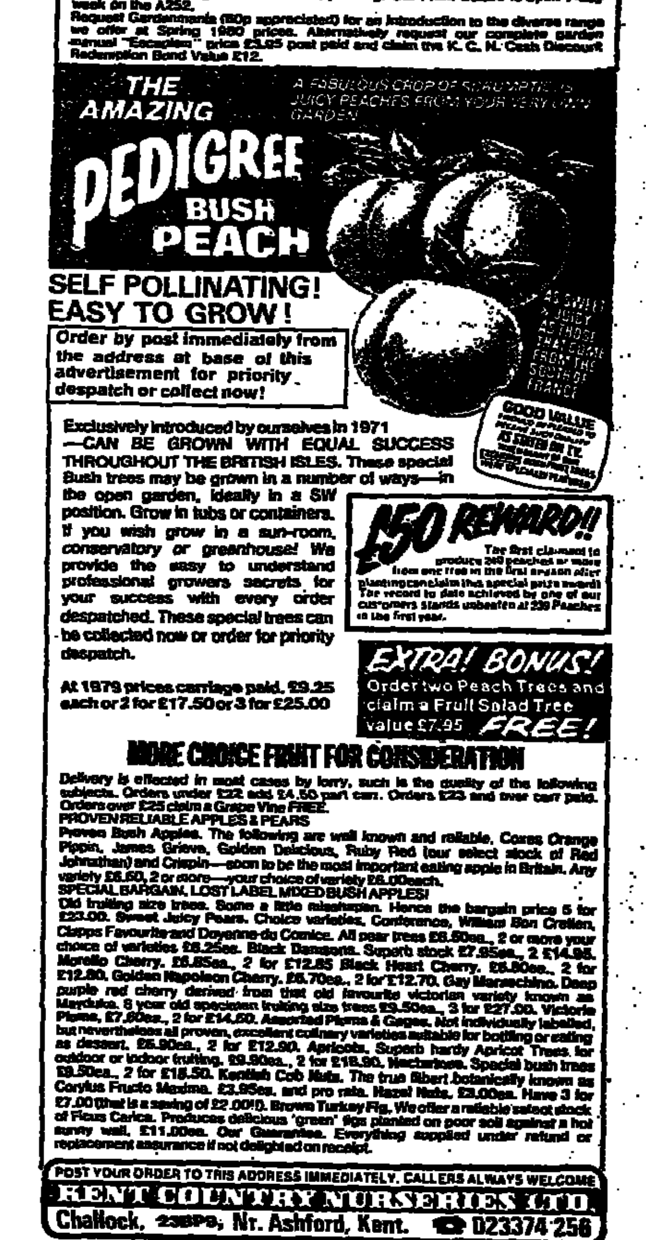
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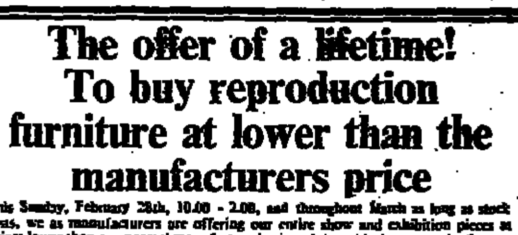
Junior European championships (Crystal Palace NSC).

Basketball

NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division (4.0): Ovaltine Hemel Hempstead v Cantabrica Kingston; John Carr Doncaster v Crystal Palace; TCB Brighton v Sperrings Solent. Second division: Camden v Brunel Uxbridge (3.30). Women's Cup: Semi-final: Avon Cosmetics Northampton v Sperrings Solent (3.30).















PERSONAL COLUMNS

". . . AND JESUS being full of the Holy Ghost . . . was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, being forty days tempted of the devil."—St Luke 4:1, 2.

BIRTHS

BANNISTER.—On February 23rd, at Leeds Maternity Home, to Sally (nee Moores) and Norman—a son (Jamie).
BARKER.—On Feb 19 in Wellington, New Zealand, to Jill (nee Pearsall) and Nick—a son (Julian Richard Charles).
BRASSEY.—On the 26th February at the Lindo Wing, St Mary's Hospital at Paddington to Midge and David a daughter.
CAMPBELL.—On December 14th, 1981, to Lisa (nee Owen) and Andrew—a daughter Lucy Clare—a sister for Emma.
COOPER.—On February 21st, at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, to Antonya (nee James) and Alastair—a daughter (Cassandra Randle Trevenan), a sister for Tabitha.
GEERING.—On February 25th, 1982, to Diana (nee Burne) and Ian—a daughter (Philippa Amelia), a sister for Caroline and Nicholas.
HALL.—On February 26th, to Meredith and Adrian—a son (Timothy Andrew Dickinson), in Adelaide, South Australia.
HAYLES.—On 22nd February at Doncaster to Sally and Nicholas, a daughter Sophie Alexandra.
HEADLAM-MORLEY.—On February 25th, 1982, to Marion (nee Rodwell) and Nicholas of Grant Cottage, Gainford, Co. Durham—a daughter.
HODGE.—On February 23 to Jessica (nee Taplin) and Anthony—a daughter.
IVERSEN.—On 22nd February to Angela (nee Fellows) and Andrew—a son (Simon James).
SAVORY.—On February 17th at St. Thomas's Hospital, to Diana Wackerbarth and James Savory—a daughter.
STOCKWELL.—On February 25th to Philadelphia and Christopher a son Matthew David.
TANLAW.—On February 25th in the Marie Celeste Ward, London Hospital, Whitechapel, to Rina and Simon—a son.
WALKER — On February 21st to Marilyn and Geoffrey—a daughter (Gemma Marie), a sister for Pollyanna.

BIRTHDAY

WATTERS BARRY, happy birthday. Love you forever. From your 3 best aides—Susan, Denise and Cass.

DEATHS

COLQUHOUN-DENVERS. — On February 25th in Bombay with his family, after a short illness, borne with great bravery, John, a devoted and deeply loved husband, father and grandfather. Memorial Service All Saints Church Malabar Hill Bombay today Saturday 27th February.
DAVIS, DON, peacefully on Thursday, February 25th. Much loved husband of Mary and father of Rowena, Thama and Greg. Funeral at 12.30 p.m. on Thursday, March 4th at Putney Vale Crematorium. No flowers please, donations to The British Heart Foundation, 57 Gloucester Place, London W1.
DAVIS.—On February 25th in hospital, Annie, of Heather Park Hotel, Wembley, beloved wife of Roy and mother of Francis, Margaret, Fiona and Angela. The coffin will be received into Ealing Abbey at 5 p.m. on Sunday, February 28th. Requiem Mass at 9.45 a.m. on Monday March 1st, followed by interment at St. Patrick's Cemetery Leytonstone, E.11. Family flowers only, but donations may be sent to Ealing Abbey.
ELBOURNE, JEREMY DOUGLAS, suddenly in Lobito, Angola, on Tuesday, February 23rd, aged 26 years. Beloved son of Douglas and Ursula Elbourne of 7 Park Meadow, Old Hatfield, Herts, and fiance of Ann Ellas. Funeral St Etheldreda's Church, Old Hatfield, Wednesday, March 3rd at 2 p.m.

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... MURRAY, on February 24th, in Hongkong, formerly of The Chartered Bank. Cremation at Cape Collinson, Hongkong, on Tuesday, March 2nd.

FUNERAL

ORCHARD.—The funeral service for Fiona will be held at St Nicholas' Church, Winsley, Bradford-on-Avon, on Tuesday, March 2nd at 2.30 p.m. Flowers to Jollys of Bath, donations to the National Kidney Research Fund, of Green Hill House, Harrow.

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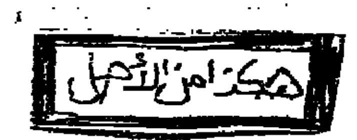
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Television and radio: Saturday and Sunday

Edited by Peter Davalle

BBC 1

6.25 Open University. Includes Television and ... and to Bedford from Busso (2), ends at 8.55. 9.05 Swim: Springboard diving (r); 9.30 Saturday Show: with Leo Sayer, Tony Hart, Duran Duran and mountaineer Joe Brown; 12.15 Grandstand: The line-up is: 12.20 Football Focus; 12.55 Mountaineering: three men and a woman tackle the north face of Ben Nevis (see BBC 2, at 1.55); 1.15 Hockey: Rank Hockey Club Championship of Great Britain. And International Badminton: The Great Hotels International: Men's Singles and Doubles; 2.00 Show Jumping: Lancia Trophy final, from Northwood; 2.10 Hockey and Badminton (continued). And Boxing: European Lightweight Championship, from ...: Joey Gibilisco v Ray Cattouse; 3.15 Show Jumping; 3.45 Half-time scores.

4.55 Rugby League: State Express Challenge Cup, second round, Hull Kingston Rovers v Leigh. From Craven Park; 4.35 Final Scores.
5.10 The All New Pink Panther Show: three cartoons; 5.30 News; 5.45 Sport round-up.
The Dukes of Hazzard: ... the Dukes trouble. The special guest is country and western singer Hoyt Axton.
... 10-year-old girl's fairy tale ... a film and an illustrated ... blue gets into Stilton cheese; ... scenes with BBC TV's ... announcers.
7.15 Misty: Barbara's friendship with Sam Tyneser is causing problems. With Wendy Craig and David Burke.
8.05 The Les Dawson Show: Music and laughter show with Kids International giving Les Dawson considerable support.
8.40 Dallas: The Ewings (minus J.R.) are celebrating the adoption of baby Christopher. And the sight of their rejoicing proves too much for J.R., because it shows just how far he still is from gaining possession of his son.

9.30 News: with Jan Leeming. Also weather forecast. And sports round-up.
9.45 Match of the Day: Action from two of the day's big Football League fixtures, one in the north, the other in the south. Also pools check, and February's Goal of the Month competition.
10.45 Parkinson: Michael Parkinson's line-up of guests tonight consists of the American comedian Kelly Montieth; that master of surreal English, Stanley Unwin; and the inventor of weird and wonderful contraptions, Rowland Emett.
11.45 Kojak: A salesman, attending a convention, dies. It looks like a case of suicide. But then another convention salesman dies. And that's when Kojak (Telly Savalas) goes into action (r).
12.35 Weather: The forecast for Sunday and beyond. Ends at 12.40 pm.

BBC 2

6.25 Open University. The subjects include Mansfield Park (at 6.25), Thomas Hardy and Cornwall (7.40), Argument on Television (8.30), The Origin of the Earth (10.10), Psychosexual Difference (11.50), A Profile of Charles Ives (12.15), Statistics: First ideas (12.40) and Title to the Earth (at 1.05). Programmes end at 1.55. At 1.55 North Face — Ben Nevis (see also BBC 1, 12.55). Joe Brown, Betsey Brantley, Murray Hamilton and Captain David Nicholls take on the highest mountain in Britain, and the conditions can be awful (if weather is too bad, another attempt tomorrow).

4.15 Film: The Kidnappers* (1953). An embittered man's two little grandsons (Jon Whiteley and Vincent Winter) "kidnap" and tend a baby boy. Duncan Macrae plays the grandfather. Director: Philip Leacock.
5.45 The Flight of the Condor: Wildlife in the Andes — the second film. The living desert of Atacama (r).
6.40 What About Your Me — Is Your Da Still Workin? An Open Door programme about a fellowship community theatre production in the Catholic Turf Lodge area of West Belfast.
7.10 News. Sport.
7.25 Did You See . . .? Tonight's topics: How Many Miles to Babylon?; the Chronicle film Riot; and World in Action (US finance for the IRA)
8.05 The Auden Landscape: Robert Robinson on the world of W. H. Auden.

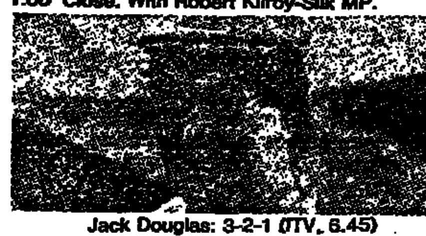
9.15 The Soldier's Tale. The Stravinsky music drama about the devil and his efforts to win a soldier's soul.
10.15 Film International: Buffet Froid (1979). French black comedy, written and directed by — and starring — Bernard Blier. It starts with a murder on the Paris Metro. Blier plays the police inspector.
11.45 News: with Jan Leeming.
11.50 Film: A Woman's Vengeance* (1948). Drama, based on Aldous Huxley's novel The Gioconda Smile. About a widower (Charles Boyer) who weds his young mistress (Ann Blyth) and becomes a murder suspect. Ends at 1.30am.

ITV/LONDON

8.35 Sesame Street: with The Muppets; 9.35 Space 1999: a man's ghost haunts the Moon (r); 10.30 Tiswas: hectic entertainment for children (and not a few grown-ups); 12.15 World of Sport The line-up is: 12.20 On the Ball (with Ian St John); 12.45 Boxing: European Welterweight Championship between Colin Jones and Hans Henrick Palm. And Cycle-Cross (World Championships, from France); 1.15 News from ITN; 1.20 The ITV Six. We see (from Kempton) the 1.30, 2.00, and 2.30, and (from Doncaster) the 1.45, 2.15, and 2.45; 3.00 Athletics: US Indoor Championships, from New York; 3.20 Greyhound Racing: the 3.27 and 3.42 from Harringay); 3.45 Half-time football results.

4.00 World of Sport (contd) Wrestling: Three contests from Burnley (catch-weight, heavyweight and heavy-middleweight); 4.50 Results service.
5.05 News from ITN.
5.15 Happy Days: Potsie (Anson Williams) goes a-wooing and needs some extra cash for the purpose.
5.45 Dick Turpin: Swiftneck (Michael Deeks) versus two unscrupulous recruiting officers. With Richard O'Sullivan as Dick.
6.15 Mind Your Language: Language school comedy series. The teacher (Barry Evans is left holding the baby (r).
6.45 3-2-1: Questions and comedy, with an Oriental flavour. Three couples compete and there are some Chinese jugglers. David Yipp, Jack Douglas, and Ted Rodgers (as MC).
7.45 Hart to Hart: Husband and wife sleuths (Robert Wagner, Stefanie Powers) stumble on some hidden gold.
8.45 News from ITN. and sports round-up.

9.00 Film: The Tamarind Seed (1974). Julie Andrews is the Home Office woman who falls in love with a Soviet military attaché (Omar Sharif).
11.20 OTT: Comedy sketches. Plus Slade.
12.20 London news headlines.
Johnny Carson's Tonight Show; With Burt Reynolds and Richard Lewis.
1.00 Close. With Robert Kilroy-Silk MP.


Jack Douglas: 3-2-1 (ITV, 6.45)

Radio 4

6.30 News.
6.32 Farming Today.
6.50 Yours Faithfully.
6.55 Weather.
7.00 News.
7.10 Today's Papers.
7.15 On Your Farm.
7.45 Yours Faithfully.
7.50 It's a Bargain.
7.55 Weather; Programme News.
8.00 News.
8.10 Today's Papers.
8.15 Sport on 4.
8.45 Yesterday in Parliament.
8.57 Weather and Travel.
9.00 News.
9.05 Breakaway.
9.50 News Stand.
10.05 The Week in Westminster.
10.30 Daily Service †
10.45 Pick of the Week †
11.35 From our own Correspondent.
12.00 News.
12.02 Money Box.
12.27 Just a Minute.
12.55 Weather and Programme News.
1.00 News.
1.10 Any Questions?
2.00 News.
2.05 Play: "Sleeping Dogs" by Geoff Nicholson.
2.35 Medicine Now.
3.05 Wildlife.
3.30 The British Seafarer † a history in 26 parts (7).
4.15 Feedback.
4.30 Does He Take Sugar?
5.00 Off the Page. Roald Dahl, author, talks to Gill Pyeh.
6.00 News.
6.15 Desert Island Discs † Castaway: John Osborne, playwright.
6.55 Stop the Week with Robert Robinson. †
7.35 Baker's Dozen.
8.30 Play: † "The Threshing Floor" by James Forsyth.
9.58 Weather.
10.00 News.
10.15 The True Cost of Fish. Buckie, a small fishing port on Scotland's north-east coast, and its experience of loss of life at sea.
11.00 Lighten our Darkness.
11.15 A Word in Edgeways.
11.45 On the Train to New Zealand. Ray Gosling talks about his travels overland to the East.
12.00 News and Weather.

Radio 3

7.55 Weather.
8.00 News.
8.05 Aubade: Gershwin, trad. (mono), Khachaturian; records.†
9.00 News.
9.05 Record Review. Release. New records: Haydn, Strauss. †
11.15 Bandstand. St Austell Band: Eric Ball, Edward Gregson, Percy Fletcher. †
11.45 I Know What I Like. Penelope Mortimer, novelist, with records. †
1.00 News.
1.05 Early Music Forum. †
2.00 Play It Again. Selection of recent music broadcasts. †
5.00 Jazz Record Requests. †
5.45 Critics' Forum.
6.35 Tippett and Haydn. String Quartet recital. †
7.30 St David's Music Week. Concert direct from St Mary's Church, Swansea. Part 1: Handel. †
8.00 So My Particular Friend. Five programmes based on the letters of Samuel Pepys and John Evelyn (1).
8.20 St David's Music Week. Part 2: Haydn. †
9.10 Moscow's World Picture. Henry Trofimenko talks to John Eldinow. Trofimenko is head of the foreign policy department at the Institute of US and Canadian studies of the Academy of Sciences of the USSR.
9.45 Ann Schein. Piano recital: Bach, Schoenberg, Beethoven, Schubert. The Beethoven work is the Sonata in E minor, Op 90, and the Schubert works are Impromptus in E flat and G flat.†
10.35 I Stand Here Ironing. Short story by Tillie Olsen.
11.00 News.
11.05 Pastorale d'Ete: Honegger on record.†
VHF only: 5.55-7.55 am and 11.20 pm-12.40 am Open University. 5.55 Sea and probabilities. 6.15 The Map of the Ocean Floor. 6.35 Decision-Making in Britain. 6.55 Technology and Society. 7.15 Why We Should Reason Well. 7.35-7.55 Maths Foundation Tutorial. 11-20 pm Open Forum. 11.40 Research and Policy. 12.00 French Organ Tradition. 12.20-12.40 am Thought and Reality.

Radio 2

5.0 Peter Marshall.† 8.04 David Jacobs.† 10.00 Star Choice.† 11.03 The Kenny Everett Show.† 1.00 Know Your Place.† 1.30 Sport on 2: Rugby Union, Football, Racing. 5.00 Sports Report. 6.00 Country Greats in Concert.† 7.00 Beat the Record. 7.30 Big Band Special.† 8.00 Nick Ingman's World of Music.† 9.00 Des O'Connor in Concert.† 10.00 A Century of Music, Sweden 1940-1949.† 11.10 Pete Murray.† 2.00-5.00am You and the Night and the Music.†


John Osborne: Desert Island Discs (Radio 4, 6.15 pm)

Radio 1

5.00 As Radio 2. 7.00 Playground. 8.00 Tony Blackburn. 10.00 Peter Powell. 12.00 My Top 12. 1.00 Adrian Juste.† 2.00 A King in New York.† 2.05 Paul Gambaccini.† 4.00 Walters' Weekly.† 5.00 Rock On.† 6.30 In Concert.† 7.30 Close.

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CHOICE


Wayne Sleep and Carole Hill: (BBC 2, 9.15 pm)

● THE AUDEN LANDSCAPE (BBC 2, 8.05) has had a surprisingly long gestation period. W. H. died nine years ago, and this is television's first attempt to get the measure of him. I like the way Robert Robinson (writer) and Adam Low (producer) have done it. It's the inner man they have gone for rather than the outward manifestation (i.e. the poetry). Which is not to say there's a dearth of Auden verse. It is there all right, calmly read by Benjamin Whitrow, overlaying well-chosen archive material as well as the specially shot location footage of English waterfalls tumbling through limestone (the matching poem makes two effective bookends in the film), of Oxford, New York, Austria and other "headlands and promontories" which Messrs Robinson and Low have selected as the main physical features in the Auden landscape. Mr Robinson has left the evaluation of the poetry to others; they do not, in any case, appear in his film. The interviews we see are with Auden's contemporaries, who fill in the biographical space between the poet's words. The impressive array of assembled witnesses include Spender and Isherwood, W. H.'s younger brother John, the painter and stage designer Robert Medley and Dr David Luke, tutor in German at Christ Church, who reminisces about Auden's sad Oxford twilight.

● NORTH FACE — BEN NEVIS (BBC 1, 12.55 and BBC 2, 1.55) is the kind of live broadcast that brings cold sweat to the brow even to contemplate it. Three died on Britain's highest mountain last week. Today, three men and a woman defy the certainty of appalling temperatures and the possibility of blizzards and avalanches as they tackle the granite giant. And tomorrow (BBC 2, 1.55pm), a feat will be attempted that it might be wiser not to watch if you have had a heavy lunch. A man will try to ski down the North Face.

● Radio highlights: BBC Scotland's documentary THE TRUE COST OF FISH (Radio 4, 10.15pm) which should make you think twice before growling over the price of your cod supper next week; Haydn's Great Organ Mass (John Scott is the soloist) from Swansea (Radio 3, 8.20pm), and castaway John Osborne with his supply of records (Radio 4, 6.15).

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

BBC1
BBC 1 CYMRU/WALES: 5.45-5.50 pm Sports News Wales. 12.35 am Weather for Wales; Close. Scotland 9.05-9.30 am Mag is Mog. 5.45-5.50 pm Scoreboard. Sports round-up. 9.45-10.45 Sportscene. Football: Scottish Premier League and English First Division highlights. Rugby: action from the Schweppes/SRU League. 12.35 am News. Northern Ireland 12.15-5.0 pm Grandstand: details as BBC 1 except 3.55-4.20* Swimming: The Coca Cola 3 Nations Tournament; 4.20* Join Rugby League as BBC 1. 5.0-5.10 Scoreboard. 5.45-5.50 Northern Ireland News. 12.35am Northern Ireland news headlines. England 5.45-5.50 pm South-West (Plymouth): Spotlight Sport. All other English regions: Sport/Regional News. 12.40 am Close.

CHANNEL
As London except: Starts 12.15 pm World of Sport. 5.15 Mork and Mindy. 5.40-5.45 Puffin's Pla(i)ce. 7.45-8.45 Fall Guy (Lee Majors). 12.20 am Closedown.

TSW
As London except: Starts 9.10am Wheelies and the Chopper Bunch. 9.30 Saturday Show with Joss Cook and Ian Calvert. 10.30 Incredible Hulk. 11.20 Survival. 11.45 University Challenge. 12.12pm-12.15 News. 5.15 Mork and Mindy. 5.40-5.45 Newsport. 7.45-8.45 Fall Guy (Lee Majors). 12.20am Postscript. 12.26 Closedown.

SCOTTISH
As London except: Starts 9.15am Vicky The Viking. 9.40-10.30 Thunderbirds. 5.15pm-5.45 Mr Merlin. 12.20am Late Call. 12.25 Closedown.

GRANADA
As London except: Starts 9.20am Spiderman. 9.40-10.30 Thunderbirds. 5.15pm Bugs Bunny. 5.20-6.15 Chips. 7.45-8.45 Magnum. 12.20am Mannix. 1.15 Closedown.


Julie Andrews: The Tamarind Seed (ITV, 9.00 pm)

BORDER
As London except: Starts 9.35am-10.30 Space 1999. 5.15pm-5.45 Mr Merlin. 7.45-8.45 Magnum. 11.20 Hear Here: Musical interlude with Brendan Shine. 11.35 Closedown.

TVS
As London except: 9.00am Saturday Brief. 9.05 Sesame Street. 10.00-10.30 Here's Boomer. 5.15pm News. 5.20-5.45 Mr Merlin. 7.45-8.45 Magnum. 9.00-11.20 Film: The Birds (Rod Taylor, Tippi Hedren). Hitchcock thriller from 1963 when the bird world turns on the human world with vengeance. 12.20am Company followed by Closedown.

HTV
As London except: Starts 9.10am Adventures of Black Beauty. 9.35-10.30 Thunderbirds. 12.13pm-12.15 News. 5.15-5.45 Mr Merlin. 7.45-8.45 Magnum. 12.20am Closedown.

HTV CYMRU/WALES
As HTV West except: 9.10am-9.35 The Book Tower. 5.15pm-5.45 Siôn A Siân.

ULSTER
As London except: Starts 10.00 am-10.30 Stingray. 5.00 pm-5.05 Sports Results. 5.13 News. 5.15-5.45 Mr Merlin. 7.45-8.45 Magnum (Tom Selleck). 11.20 News at Bedtime (Closedown).

ANGLIA
As London except: 9.00am Sesame Street. 10.00-10.30 Sport Billy. 5.15pm-5.45 Mr Merlin. 7.45-8.45 Magnum. 12.20am At the End of the Day.

CENTRAL
As London except: Starts 9.05 am Paint Along with Nancy. 9.30-10.30 Sesame Street. 5.15 pm-5.45 Mr Merlin. 7.45-8.45 Magnum. 12.20 am Closedown.

TYNE TEES
As London except: Starts 9.00 am Cartoon Time. 9.10 Sport Billy. 9.40-10.30 Thunderbirds. 12.13 pm-12.15 News. 5.15 News. 5.17-5.45 Mr Merlin. 7.45-8.45 Magnum. 12.20 am Three's Company. 12.30 Closedown.

YORKSHIRE
As London except: Starts 9.00 am-10.30 Film: Nor the Moon by Night* (Belinda Lee, Michael Craig). Woman flies out to Africa to marry a game warden but falls in love with his brother. 5.15 pm-5.45 Mr Merlin. 7.45-8.45 Magnum. 12.20 am Closedown.

GRAMPIAN
As London except: Starts 9.00am Sesame Street. 10.00-10.30 Joe 90. 5.15pm-5.45 Mr Merlin. 7.45-8.45 Magnum. 12.20am Reflections. 12.25 Closedown.

BBC 1

6.25 Open University. Until 8.55. Includes Eileen Barker Meets the Moonies (7.15) and Concorde Case Study (2) at 8.30; At 9.00, Heads and Tails; 9.15 Nai Zindagi Naya Jeevan: for Asian viewers; 9.45 Working for Safety: chemical hazards at work (r); 10.10 The Computer Programme: Information Science series; 10.35 Business Club: a small firm in Staffordshire; 11.00 The Skill of Lip Reading: part one (r); 11.25 Ensemble: French course, lesson 18; 11.50 Maths Help: for O-level students; 12.00 Feeling Great! Bread and potatoes exonerated (r); 12.15 Sunday Worship: from St Martin's, Worcester; 1.00 Farming; 1.25 Paint! How to paint flowers; 1.50 News headlines; 1.55 Comedy: Crooks Anonymous* (1962) Comedy about a con-man (Leslie Phillips) who tries hard to go straight. With Stanley Baxter, Julie Christie; 3.20 Bonanza; Western; 4.05 Cartoon.

4.15 International Marching Bands: From Wembley Arena. Bands from the US, Indonesia, Belgium and the Netherlands compete against British bands; 5.05 Mickey and Donald. Cartoon show.
5.25 Stalky and Co: Penultimate episode of the Kipling public school yarn; 5.55 News: with Jan Leeming.
6.05 Holiday: The hotels, transport and sights of India; the ancient Yugoslavian town of Rovinj; and pony trekking in Wales.
6.40 Songs of Praise: from the parish church of St Mary, Nantwich, in south Cheshire.
7.15 King's Royal: Episode 8. Scottish family saga, with a whisky background. The head of the family (Tom Bell) discovers that he was being blackmailed by his son (Eric Deacon).
8.05 Film: True Grit — A Further Adventure: Made for TV western, with Warren Oates taking over the old John Wayne role of the hard drinking scourge of bandits.

9.00 Film: True Grit — A Further Adventure (continued).
9.40 Omnibus: The weekly arts programme, presented by Barry Norman. Rudolf Nureyev and Bryony Brind are seen rehearsing the Kingdom of Shadows scene from the Russian classical ballet La Bayadere. Also, the day after the final curtain fell on the D'Oyly Carte company, we see them in action in songs from H M S Pinafore. Also an item on the jazz composer Mike Westbrook, and a visit to the Barbican arts centre which opens this week.
10.30 News: with Jan Leeming. And weather.
10.40 Choices: How people solve their personal dilemmas. Tonight's panel: Eric Heffer MP, Graham Turner and Bel Mooney. In the chair: Libby Purves. There's a studio audience.
11.15 Never too late. New series begins. How redundancy is giving Consett, Co Durham steelworkers a chance to learn something new in life. For some, it's maths. For others, basic English.
11.40 Sergeant Bilko: Phil Silvers in another of these old, but still funny army comedies* Ends at 12.05.

BBC 2

6.25 Open University. Items include Biology: brain and behaviour (at 6.25), Stereochemistry (7.40), Measuring the Earth and the Moon (8.30), Life on the Seashores (11.00) and Species and Evolution (1.30). At 1.55: North Face — Ben Nevis. Jean Charlet attempts to ski down the mountain. 2.35 Horizon: The Million Murdering Death. The medical battle to prevent malaria regaining its throttle-hold on Sri Lanka; 3.25 Film: Broadway Melody of 1940* (1940) Backstage musical, starring Fred Astaire and Eleanor Powell, with songs by Cole Porter. Co-starring George Murphy and Frank Morgan. Director: Norman Taurog.

5.05 Rugby Special: Sale versus Rosslyn Park in the fourth round of the John Player Cup.
6.00 News Review: sub-titles and Jan Leeming.
6.30 The Money Programme: Britain has been slow to recognize the value of the industrial robot. A report on the position here and in France and Japan.
7.15 The Flight of the Condor: Final film of the Andean wildlife trilogy. Tonight: the wonders of the Amazon — the tropical rainforests, the canyons and waterfalls, the glaciers on the Equator. And the teeming animal life.
8.10 Nancy Astor: Episode 3. Nancy (Liza Harrow) and Robert Shaw (Pierce Brosnan) are married, but she is unhappy and soon tires of the social whirl (r)

9.00 News: with Jan Leeming.
9.05 International Pro-Celebrity Golf: Hollywood star George C. Scott and Lee Trevino take on former motor racing champion James Hunt and Jerry Pate, at Gleneagles.
9.55 Australian Film Season: Sunday Too Far Away (1974) Final film in this special season. It's a rough-and-tumble drama about sheep-shearers, the strong rivalry between two of them (Jack Thompson and Peter Cummins), and trouble in the shape of non-union labour. Directed by Ken Hannam, and co-starring Phyllis Ophel and Reg Lyle.
11.25 Star Brass: Concert by the Templemore Band, from Belfast. With Elaine Delmar and Ray Farr on flugelhorn.
11.55 Closedown.
12.10 Open University: The National Theatre. Ends at 12.35.

ITV/LONDON

9.05 Be your Own Boss: advice for small firms; 9.30 Cartoons; 9.45 God's Story: Children learn about Abraham's family from Paul Copley; 10-00 God Help Me: New series, inspired by the Lord's Prayer; 10-30 But What Do You Really Believe? with Don Cupitt, Dean of Emmanuel College, Cambridge; 11.00 Link: New books about disability; 11.30 Stingray; 12.00 Weekend World: The Trident Decision. Interview with John Nott, the Defence Secretary; 1.00 Police 5; 1.15 Cartoons; 1.30 The Great Depression: Third in this series about the world-wide repercussions of the Wall Street Crash. Today: the German economy is undermined; 2.30 London news headlines. Followed by The Big Match: Highlights of three of yesterday's League games; 3.30 The Adventures of Black Beauty: A cavalry horse is destined for the slaughterhouse. With Judi Bowker, William Lucas (r).

4.00 Cartoons: from Hollywood studios.
4.15 Film: Jet Storm* (1959). Thriller about a bomb on board an airliner. Starring Richard Attenborough, Stanley Baker, Bernard Braden, and Harry Secombe.
6.00 Behind the Veil: Heavenly Bodies. The taboos and rituals with which various religions surround the female body.
6.30 News.
6.40 Sunday Best: Religious programme with an entertainment format. With Frank Topping, Donald Swann and Marian Davies.
7.15 The Fall Guy: A man jumps bail and Colt (Lee Majors), part-time Hollywood stunt man, goes to Mexico to find him.
8.15 Father Charlie: New comedy series begins. Lionel Jeffries plays a cockney Roman Catholic priest who becomes chaplain to a convent. Anna Quayle is the mother superior.
8.45 News from ITN.

9.00 Airline: Last instalment of the air-and-land drama, starring Roy Marsden as the independent airline operator who's never out of trouble. Tonight: a change of fortune. The Berlin Airlift has begun and there's good money to be earned flying spares out of Germany. But the last links snap between Jack Ruskin and Jenny (Polly Hemingway).
10.00 147 Break: How Steve Davis broke the world snooker record last month by marking up 147 in 11 minutes, three seconds.
10.30 The South Bank Show: Two items tonight — the Blacck Theatre Cooperative, which has been staging The Trojans at the Riverside Studios in London, and pop singer extraordinary Laurie Anderson.
11.30 London news headlines. They are followed by:— Vet: Useful advice for dog-owners from John Speer and Gareth Clayton-Jones (r).
12.00 Vidio Sounds: Concert starring Mike Oldfield. Platignum, Tubular Bells parts one and two, Mirage, and other hit songs. Recorded at the Theatre Royal, Nottingham.
12.30 Close: With Robert Kilroy-Silk MP.

Radio 4

6.30 Morning Has Broken.
7.00 News.
7.10 Sunday Papers. 7.15 Apna Hi Ghar Samajhiye. 7.45 Bells. 7.50 The Shape of God. 7.55 Weather; Travel; Programme News.
8.00 News.
8.10 Sunday Papers.
8.15 Sunday.
8.50 Week's Good Cause. Appeal on behalf of the Catholic Marriage Advisory Council.
8.55 Weather and Travel.
9.00 News.
9.10 Sunday Papers.
9.15 Letter from America.
9.30 Morning Service.
10.15 The Archers.
11.15 Weekend.
12.00 Smash of the Day. I'm Sorry I'll Read That Again.
12.30 The Food Programme.
12.55 Weather and Programme News.
1.00 The World This Weekend.
2.00 News.
2.02 Gardeners' Question Time visits Islington, London.
2.30 Play † "The Wizard who Worked Wonders" translated and adapted by David Turner from Pedro Calderon de la Barca.
4.00 News.
4.02 Talking About Antiques.
4.30 The Living World . . . and Beyond? The possibilities of there being other life in the Universe.
5.00 News.
5.05 Down Your Way visits Heacham, Norfolk.
5.55 Weather Programme News.
6.00 News.
6.15 A Lucky Woman. The story of a live affair, by Barbara Strachey, adapted from her family history, Remarkable Relations.
7.00 Travel Programme News.
7.02 Around the World in 25 Years with Johnny Morris.
7.30 Bookshelf.
8.00 John of Winchester (new series) John Taylor, Bishop of Winchester, talks to Barney Pityana. †
8.30 Music to Remember Choral, and solo harp recital: Rubbra.
9.00 News.
9.02 Bleak House by Charles Dickens (part 4). †
9.58 Weather.
10.00 News.
10.15 Enstein and Buddha. Fritjov Capra, author of "The Tao in Physics", talks to Jocelyn Ryder-Smith.
12.00 News and Weather Report; Forecast.
VHF only: 6.55-7.55 am Open University: 6.55 Migrant Labour. 7.15 Social and Community Work 7.35 Pipe's 'Essay on Man' 1.55-2.00 pm Programme News. 4.00-6.00 Study on 4

Radio 3

7.55 Weather.
8.00 News.
8.05 Collegium Aureum Bach, Mozart, Handel, records.†
9.00 News.
9.05 Your Concert Choice Record requests: Mozart, Marschner, Delius, Tchaikovsky.†
10.30 Music Weekly.
11.20 From the Proms Concert given August 1981. Part 1 Beethoven.†
12.05 Words. Talk by John Sparrow (4).
12.10 From the Proms Part 2 John Tavener.†
1.10 Haydn and Schubert Piano recital.†
2.10 Style Galant Chamber music recital: Quantz, Braun, Bach, Galuppi.†
2.55 A Service of Thanksgiving direct from Westminster to mark the centenary of the founding of the Royal College of Music.†
4.30 English Gothick. Graham Fawcett considers the appeal of the macabre to writers.
5.15 Amadeus String Quartet Recital. Part 1: Mozart Britten.†
6.10 A Closer Look. Talk by Vernon Scannell.
6.30 Recital Part 2. Schubert.†
7.15 Nielsen on record.†
7.55 The Ironclads (Classe de Ferro) (s) by Aldo Nicolaj, translated and adapted by Carlo Ardito.
9.00 English Music Concert: Holst, David Ellis, Robin Holloway.†
10.10 Maritime Mythology and Maritime History. Talk by Basil Greenhill.
10.30 Lassus. Recital of Lenten music.†
11.00 News.
11.05 Emily Mitchell. C.P.E. Bach on record.†

VHF only 5.55 - 7.55 am and 11.20pm - 1.0am Open University

Radio 2

5.00 am Peter Marshall. † 7.30 Nick Page. † 9.00 David Jacobs with Melodies for You. 11.00 Desmond Carrington. † 12.00 Paul Daniels. † 1.30 pm Listen to Les. † 2.00 Benny Green. † 3.00 Two's Best. † 4.00 Sing Something Simple. † 4.30 String Sound. † 5.00 Comedy Classics: "Dad's Army". 5.30 Charlie Chester. 6.30 Acker's 'Alf' Our. 7.00 The World of . . . Tommy Docherty. 7.30 Glamorous Nights. 8.30 Sunday Half Hour. 9.00 Your 100 Best Tunes. 10.00 Pop Over Europe. † 11.05 Pete Murray. † 2.00-5.00 am You and the Night and the Music. †

Radio 1

8.00 am Tony Blackburn. 10.00 Noel Edmunds. 1.00 pm Jimmy Savile. 3.00 Studio B15. 5.00 Top 40. † 7.00 The Record Producers. † 8.00 Sounds of Jazz. † 10.00 Close.

WORLD SERVICE

BBC World Service can be received in Western Europe on medium wave 648KHz (463m) at the following times GMT: 6.00 am Newsdesk. 7.00 World News. 7.09 News About Britain. 7.15 From Our Own Correspondent. 7.30 Classical Record Review. 7.45 The End of the Affair. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 The Pleasure's Yours. 9.00 World News. 9.09 Review of the British Press. 9.15 People and Politics. 9.45 Sports Review. 10.15 Twentieth Century Folk. 10.30 Sunday Service. 11.00 World News. 11.09 News About Britain. 11.15 Letter from America. 11.25 The Week in Wales. 11.30 Play of the Week. 12.45 Marching and Waltzing. 1.00 World News. 1.09 Commentary. 1.15 Good Books. 1.30 Short Story. 1.45 The Sandi Jones Request Show. 2.30 Smash of the Day: The Navy Lark. 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 Concert Hall. 4.00 World News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 From Our Own Correspondent. 4.35 Financial Review. 4.45 Letter From America. 5.00 World News. 5.09 Meridian. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Commentary. 8.15 Letterbox. 9.15 The Pleasure's Yours. 10.00 World News. 10.09 Science in Action. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sportscall. 11.00 World News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 Letter from America. 11.30 Strictly Instrumental. 12.00 World News. 12.09 News About Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Religious Service. 1.00 The Ages of Man. 1.45 Short Story. 2.00 World News. 2.09 Review of the British Press. 2.15 Twentieth Century Folk. 2.30 The Beverley Brooch. 3.00 World News. 3.09 News About Britain. 3.15 The Instrument Makers. 3.30 Anything Goes. 4.00 Newsdesk. 5.45 A Pattern of Faith.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

BBC1
BBC CYMRU/WALES: 8.55-10.5 am Yr Awr Fawr 10.5-10.35 Nai Zindagi Naya Jeevan 1.55-2.20 pm Tomorrows World 2.20-2.50 Stalky and Co 2.50-4.25 Sports Line-up (Rugby Union: Cardiff v Llanelli) 4.25-5.25 Rhaglan Hywel Gwynfryn 5.25-5.55 Grange Hill 9.40-10.30 A Knight at the Opera 11.15-11.45 Trol'r Dail 11.45-12.10 am News. Scotland 1.25-1.50 pm Agenda 6.40-6.50 In Praise of Life. 6.50-7.15 A Bridge of Hymns. 9.40-10.30 Voyager. 10.40-11.15 Spectrum: 'Sibelius's Fifth'. 12.5 am News headlines. Northern Ireland 1.00-1.25 pm Farm-view. 5.5-5.25 Swimming. (Coca-Cola 3 Nations Tournament) 12.5 am News headlines. England 12.10 am Close.

GRAMPIAN
9.15 Seachd Laithean. 9.30-10.00 Be Your Own Boss. 10.15 God's Story. 10.30-11.00 History Makers. 11.30-12.00 Take Issue. 1.00 University Challenge. 1.30 Farming Outlook. 2.00-3.30 Film: Operation Cross Eagles (Richard Conte). Resistance fighters find a traitor in their midst. 4.00 Behind the Veil. 4.30 Scotsport with Arthur Montford. 5.30-6.30 Chips. 7.15-8.15 Hart to Hart. 11.30 Reflections. 11.35 Barney Miller. 12.05 Closedown.

TYNE-TEES
As London except: Starts 9.00 Link 9.30 am-10.00 Be Your Own Boss 11.00 Lookaround 11.02 Beachcombers 11.30 Cartoon 11.45 God's Story 11.58-12.00 News 1.00 pm University Challenge 1.30 Farming Outlook 2.00 Parents and Teenagers 2.30 Shoot! 3.30 Incredible Hulk 4.30 News 4.32 Little House on the Prairie 5.30 Johnny's Animals Operas 7.15-8.15 Hart to Hart 11.30 Great depression: Germany 12.30 am Epilogue 12.35 Closedown.

ULSTER
As London except: Starts 11.00 Be Your Own Boss. 11.30-12.00 Gardening Time. 12.58 News. 1.00 God's Story. 1.15 University Challenge. 1.45 Farming Ulster. 2.15-2.30 Cartoon. 4.00-6.00 Film: Five Fingers (James Mason). Spy story set during the Second World War. 7.15-8.15 Hart to Hart. 11.30 Sports Results. 11.35 News at Bedtime. Closedown.

ANGLIA
As London except: Starts 9.30-10.00 Paint Along with Nancy. 11.30-12.00 Be Your Own Boss. 1.00 God' Story. 1.15 European Folk Tales. 1.30 Weather. 1.35 Farming Today. 2.05 Cartoon. 2.30 Match of the Week. 3.30 Mork and Mindy. 4.00 Behind the Veil. 4.30 Incredible Hulk. 5.30 Country People: New series. 6.00-6.30 Mr and Mrs. 7.15-8.15 Hart to Hart. 11.30 Great Depression: Germany. 12.30 Bible for Today.

BORDER
As London except: Starts 9.15am-9.45 Be Your Own Boss. 11.30-12.00 Gardening Time. 1.00pm Farming Outlook. 1.30-2.30 Great Depression; Germany. 3.30-4.00 Here's Boomer. 4.30 Border Diary. 4.35-6.30 Film: Pyjama Game (Doris Day) musical comedy set in a pyjama factory. 7.15-8.15 Hart to Hart. 11.30 Closedown.

TSW
As London except: Starts 9.30am-10.00 Link. 11.00 Be Your Own Boss. 11.30-12.00 South West Week. 1.00pm History of the Car. 1.30 Farming News. 2.00 Fisheries News. 2.10-2.30 Gardens for All. 4.30 Mr and Mrs. 5.00 Radio. 6.00-6.30 Diff'rent Strokes. 7.15-8.15 Hawaii Five-O. 11.30 Bizarre. 12.00 Postscript. 12.05am Closedown.

CENTRAL
As London except: Starts 9.15-9.45 Be Your Own Boss. 11.30-12.00 Gardening Time. 1.00 University Challenge. 1.30 Here and Now. 2.00 Benson. 2.30 Film: Planet of the Apes (Charlton Heston and Roddy McDowall). Astronauts caught in a time warp land on a planet where apes have taken over. 5.30-6.00 Adventures of Black Beauty. 7.15-8.15 Hart to Hart. 11.30 Great Depression: Germany. 12.30 Closedown.

GRANADA
As London except: Starts 9.35am-9.45 Children of Indonesia. 11.00 Be Your Own Boss. 11.25 Aap Kaa Hak. 11.30-12.00 This is Your Right. 1.00pm University Challenge. 1.30 240 Robert. 2.25-3.30 Match Time. 4.00 Behind the Veil. 4.30-6.30 Film: Ill Met By Moonlight (Dirk Bogarde). During the Second World War a group of British commandos kidnap a German general on Crete. 7.15-8.15 Hart to Hart. 1.30 Parents and Teenagers. 12.00 Benson. 12.30am Closedown.

TVS
As London except: Starts 9.15-9.45 Be Your Own Boss. 11.30-12.00 Stingray. 1.00pm Mr and Mrs. 1.30 Farming Diary. 2.00 University Challenge. 2.30 Sunday Sportshow. 3.30 Adventures of Black Beauty. 4.00 Behind the Wheel. 4.30 CHIPS. 5.25 Radio. 6.25-6.30 News. 7.15-8.15 Hart to Hart. 11.30 News. 11.35 Nero Wolfe. 12.30am Company, closedown.

CHANNEL
As London except: Starts 2.10 pm-2.30 Gardens for all 4.00 Behind the Veil 4.30 Mr and Mrs 5.00 Radio 6.00-6.30 Diff'rent Strokes 7.15-8.15 Hawaii Five-o 11.30 Bizarre 12.00 Epilogue followed by Closedown

SCOTTISH
As London except: 9.30am Behind the Veil. 10.00-11.00 Sesame Street. 11.30-12.00 Be Your Own Boss. 1.00pm Sunday Service. 1.30 Farming Outlook. 2.00 God's Story. 2.15 University Challenge. 2.45 Glen Michael Cavalcade. 3.30 Incredible Hulk. 4.30 Scotsport with Arthur Montford. 5.30 C-28-02tv6 6.30 Into the Eighties. 11.30 Late Call. 11.35 New Avengers. 12.30am Closedown.

HTV
As London except: Starts 8.45-9.45am Sesame Street. 11.30-12.00 Be Your Own Boss. 1.00pm University Challenge. 1.30 West Country Farming. 2.00-2.30 Vicky the Viking. 3.30 Mork and Mindy. 4.00 Behind the Veil. 4.30 Cartoon. 4.40-6.30 Film: Terror onthe 40th Floor (John Forsythe) 'Towering Inferno' story. 7.15-8.15 Hart to Hart. 11.30 Bizarre. 12.00 Closedown.

HTV CYMRU/WALES
As HTV West except: 1.30pm-2.30 Rugby Special. 3.30-4.00 Twy Lygaid llanc. 4.00-4.30 Mork and Mindy.

YORKSHIRE
As London except: starts 9.00am Link. 9.25 Our Incredible World. 9.55-10.00 Bubblies. 11.00 Be Your Own Boss. 11.30-12.00 Farming Diary. 1.00pm God's Story. 1.15 University Challenge. 1.45 Calendar. 2.10 New Fred and Barney Show. 2.30 Big Game. 3.30-4.00 Stingray. 4.30-6.30 Film: Molly Maguires (Richard Harris, Sean Connery). Secret organization of US miners create unrest in protest against brutal conditions. 7.15-8.15 Hart to Hart. 11.30 Great Depression: Germany. 12.30am Five Minutes. 12.35 Closedown.

CHOICE


Trevor Howard: Radio 3, 7.55

● BROADWAY MELODY OF 1940 (BBC 2, 3.25), by no means the greatest musical ever to come out of Hollywood, none the less contains what the Times obituary of Eleanor Powell earlier this month perceptively referred to as a summit meeting of screen dance — Miss Powell's partnering of Fred Astaire in the Begin the Beguine sequence. Until this afternoon, younger viewers will have to have taken on trust the obituary writer's declaration that Miss Powell was the most brilliant tap dancer to grace the screen. Now they can make their own judgment.

● I'M SORRY I'LL READ THAT AGAIN (Radio 4, 12.00) is a 14-year-old disturbing reminder of how good radio comedy used to be before shows like The Burkiss Way became the norm. What has been lost is not the art of writing excruciating puns or engineering lunatic situations, but the flair for maintaining a semblance of reasonableness in a surreal world. Hence, in today's programme, the following exchange: "What happened to the policemen's trouser-pressing business? Ah — it folded when the bottom fell out of the copper business." There are another seven episodes to come, I am happy to report.

● THE IRONCLADS (Radio 3, 7.55) which has been translated from the original Italian by the author, Aldo Nicolaj, is about the erosion of old people's resilience. If Nature isn't chipping away at it, then the Family will do their worst. But Nicola's two septuagenarians, forging their friendship on a seat in a suburban park, hit on a way to spend their remaining years in a more congenial environment. Trevor Howard and Roland Culver play the old buffers. It is a delight to hear these two veteran actors vocally fleshing out roles which, in less practised hands, might have expired through under-nourishment.

A mud horseman, still riding by

At low tide the Steart Flats on the Somerset coast are an almost impassable quagmire of clinging mud. However Brendon Sellick manages to skim safely at speed across the treacherous surface to his shrimp nets more than a mile out, half laying, half crouching aboard his "mud horse", an extraordinary wooden sledge used for centuries by local fishermen to reach their distant catch.

Mr Sellick and Mr Tony Brewer, both from the tiny hamlet of Stolford, near Bridgwater, could be the last Somerset fishermen to use this traditional form of transport across mud flats. It is not thought to be used anywhere else in the world.

Most days, at low tide, when the sea recedes by two miles across the mud flats in Bridgwater Bay, Mr Sellick and Mr Brewer can be seen propelling themselves out to their dozens of shrimp nets staked to 6ft high poles. In the background is the giant outline of the nuclear power stations at Hinkley Point.

The men, both in their late forties, spreadeagle their bodies across the upper frame of the sledge, their toes digging into the top few inches of the slippery mud as they push themselves along. On a return journey their sledges will be laden with several hunderweight of shrimps and fish, carried in nets slung from the superstructure of the mud horse, as it swishes over the surface with ease.

The design of the mud horse has almost certainly not changed for hundreds of years when local fishermen, including several generations of the Sellick and Brewer families, used them to make a living. It seems that the design simply cannot be improved; recent attempts to use hovercraft or even snow vehicles to make the same journey across the flats have failed, their engines becoming hopelessly clogged.

The mud flats are a dangerous place for the inexperienced. To walk out, as we did, in boots would have been foolhardy if Mr Sellick had not been there aboard his sledge. Photographer Nick Rodgers had to be pulled out from thigh-deep mud by Mr Sellick, while I finished the exhausting journey bare footed, my boots sucked from my feet by the mud.

"Speed is the thing. You have got to keep moving or you will sink. And you have got to move quickly when you are out there because when the tide starts to come back in, it moves very fast indeed," said Mr Sellick, the father of six daughters and a son he hopes will continue the mud horse tradition.

Craig Seton

Letter from Hillhead

Vulgar populism, down by the riverside

A quarter of the Glasgow, Hillhead, electorate has still not made up its mind, the pollsters say, despite the fact that some of the by-election campaigns have started already. This clearly distresses Mr David Mitchell, the president of the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Association. He raises a pained eyebrow when quote-hungry journalists call at the secluded committee rooms in a pleasant cul-de-sac near the Belshagray parish church.

"The by-election writ has not been moved yet", he sternly points out in polite but unmistakably patrician tones.

The Conservatives and Unionists, a different breed from the Desert Rat Tories of the arid Home Counties, have held the seat for 30 years and they are quietly confident that they will hold it again, despite only a 2,002 majority in 1979, and the vulgar, populist noises emanating from the Social Democratic Party and Scottish National Party's committee rooms in the vulgar and populist Dunbarton Road, down by the seamy banks of the River Clyde.

The Tories certainly have a good candidate. Mr Gerry Malone is a local lad, a councillor and solicitor who has come up the hard way; fighting two safe Labour fiefdoms in Glasgow in 1974 and challenging Mr David Steel at Rox borough, Selkirk and Peebles in 1979. Mr Malone has only two real problems: Mrs Thatcher's policies and Mr Roy Jenkins's charisma.

r Jenkins has two secret weapons, both of them ex-Labour stalwarts extremely well-known and respected in the constituency. One is Mrs Bunty Urquhart, a former meber omf the old Independent Labour Party, and for 22 years the Labour Party's assistant organizer in Glasgow. The organizing skills of this formidable lady are much in evidence in the spacious SDP committee rooms

The other secret weapon is Mr David Welsh, the former Labour candidate in the constituency, grandson of a famous Labour Lord Provost of Glasgow, and a man who should swing the middle class Labour vote to the SDP in the better heeled parts of Hillhead.

Mr Jenkins's supporters are clearly regarded as traitors by the staff addressing envelopes in the Labour headquarters, a dingy but lovingly tended officee that is the only sign of life in a derelict tenement block. Like the Tory workers, the Labour people highly disapprove of the SDP starting their campaign so early.

The Labour candidate, Mr David Wiseman, has not yet taken leave from his job as a community worker, "but you'll see plenty of him once the campaign starts". We will also see plenty of Front Bench Labour visitors who have the star quality that the worthy but unknown Mr Wiseman lacks.

After making some fairly nasty cracks about Mr Jenkins earlier on, the Scottish National Party candidate, Mr George Leslie, has now decided to be nice. Which he is, and a Glasgow-trained veterinary into the bargain.

Of all the four main candidates he has the most leeway to make up, according to the polls. He says that Mr enJkins is making it easy for him to improve on his 11 per cent support.

"He's broken the old allegiances", says Mr Leslie, at 42, a seasoned SNP electioneer, "and I fully expect to get 28 per cent of the votes. That's enough to win, and my money's on a recount."

The SNP may portray Mr eJnkins as an outsider, but the pollsters have found this may not hurt him as much as might be expected. A recent street interview found one gentleman who said he would vote enkins because he had always been anti-EEC himself. But, the perplexed psephologist replied, Mr eJnkins had been president of the EEC Commission in Brussels.

"Aye", said the man in the street, "but he jacked it in, didn't he?".

Jonathan Wills

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

New exhibitions

Carel Weight, York City Art Gallery, Exhibition Square; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2.30 to 5; (from today until April 4).

Sculptures by Anthony Caro, Hunterian Art Gallery, Glasgow, Mon to Fri 10 to 5, Sat 9.30 to 1; (from today until April 10).

Work by Edward Bird, Central Art Gallery, Lichfield Street, Wolverhampton; Mon to Sat 10 to 6; (from today until April 3).

Peasantries—peasants in nineteenth century art, Aberdeen Art Gallery, Schoolhill, Aberdeen; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Thurs 10 to 8, Sun 2 to 5; (from today until March 27).

Last chance to see

Trasures for Scotland, National Gallery of Scotland, George IV Bridge, Edinburgh; 9.30 to 1; (ends today).

Recent paintings by David Holmes, City Museum and Art Gallery, Priestgate, Peterborough, Cambs; 12 to 5; (ends today).

Drawings by Alistair Maclennon and patchwork by Anne Smith, Octagon Gallery & Crafts Showroom, 1 Lower Crescent, Belfast; 11 to 5 (ends today).

Paintings by Sean Scully, Arts Council Gallery, Bedford Street, Belfast; 10 to 5 (ends today).

A Glimpse of the Past—local views from old photographs, Museum and Art Gallery, Stafford; 10 to 5 (ends today).

Watercolours of British wildlife and landscapes by Ian Rotherham, Edward Mayor Gallery, Sheffield; 10 to 5 (ends today).

One Off Wearables—original garments by designers including Jean Muir, Sandy Black, Shirley Lawn; and Past and Present Ceramicists, British Crafts Centre, 43 Earlham Street, Covent Garden, WC2; 10 to 4 (both end today).

Photographs by Mari Mahr, Moira Kelly Fine Art Gallery, 97 Essex Road, Islington, N1; 11 to 6 (ends today).

Music

Jazz in the Foyer, Ian Ballantine/Kenny Shaw Band, Lyric Theatre, King Street, Hammersmith, W6, 12.30.

Maritime England concert by Hastings Philharmonic Choir and Orchestra, De La Warr Pavilion, Bexhill-on-Sea, 8.

Organ recital by Peter Hurford, Turner Sims Concert Hall, Southampton University Art Centre, Southampton, 8.

Concert by Aberdeen Trio, City Hall, Brechin, Angus, 7.30.

Concert by National Centre for Orchestral Studies Orchestra, Great Hall, Goldsmith's College, SE14, 7.30.

Recital by St Peter's Consort, Harty Room, Queen's University, Belfast, 8.

Early Music Network concert at Lacock Abbey, Lacock, Wiltshire, 7.30.

Tomorrow

Royal Engagements

The Prince of Wales, president of the Royal College of Music Centenary Appeal Committee, accompanied by the Princess of Wales, attends a service of thanksgiving in Westminster Abbey to mark the centenary of the founding of the Royal College of Music, and later attends a reception at St James's Palace, 3.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother attends the celebrations to mark the centenary of the Royal College of Music and attends a service of thanksgiving in Westminster Abbey, 2.55; and later attends a reception at St James's Palace, 5.25.

Music

Recital by the French pianist Bernard d'Ascoli, St John's, Smith Square, Westminster, 7.30.

Concert of music by Dvorak and Mendelssohn, at North Warwickshire College of Further Education, Hinckley Road, Nuneaton, 7.45.

A choral concert at Mitchell Hall, Marischal Cottage, Aberdeen, 8.

The Scottish Chamber Orchestra in concert at Younger Hall, St Andrews, 8.

Ulster Orchestra Concert, Ulster Hall, Belfast, 3.

Exhibitions

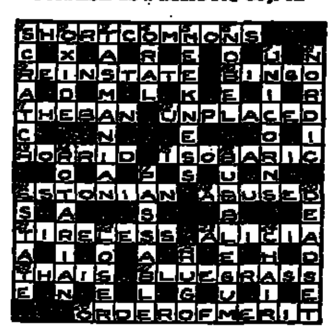
Scottish Writing Today, 1981: National Book League, Scotland, 15a Lyndedoch Street, Glasgow; Mon to Fri 10 to 6, Sat 10 to 4; (until March 1).

Paintings, drawings and watercolours by Constable, Tate Gallery; Mon to Sat 10 to 6, Sun 2 to 6; (until April 4).

Paintings by Meredith Frampton. 1924-1945, Tate Gallery, Mon to Sat 10 to 6, Sun 2 to 6 (until March 28).

Second Sight: Canaletto, "The stonemason's yard"; Guardi, "Piazza San Marco"

Solution of Puzzle No 15,761 **Solution of Puzzle No. 15,766**



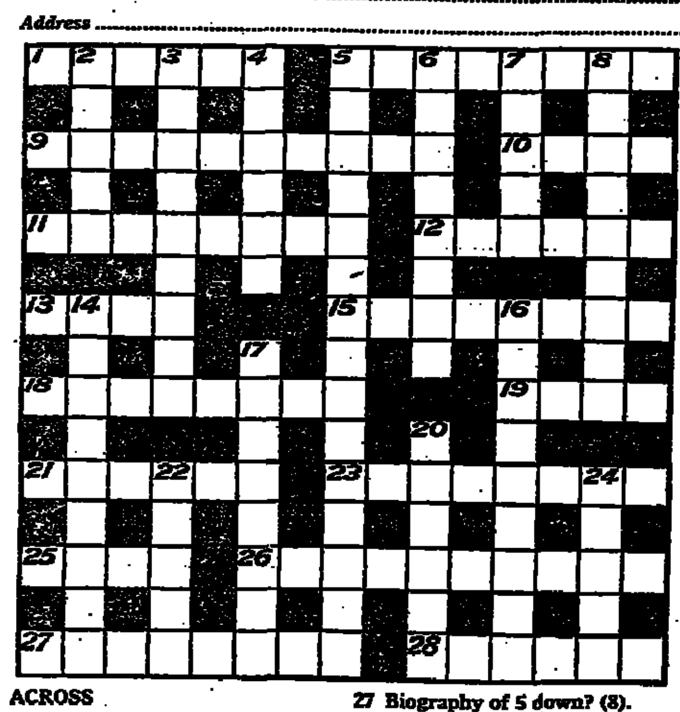
The Times Crossword Puzzle No. 15,767

A prize of The Times Atlas of the World *(comprehensive edition) will be given for the first correct solution opened next Thursday. Entries should be addressed to: The Times, Saturday Crossword Competition, 12 Coley Street, London WC99 9YT. The winner and solution will be published next Saturday.*

The winner of The Times Crossword Competition *No 15,761 on Saturday, February 20 was Mr L. H. S. Stratton, 14 Folkestone Road, Salisbury.*

Name ....

Address ....



ACROSS

1 Put an end to drink (6).
5 Battle resolved later in court (8).
9 Blow the bribe of an extra drink (4-6).
10 French writer a non-union director? (4).
11 Neat and posh sort of carriage (8).
12 "How —— after —— with his Pomp" Fitzgerald) (6).
13 Day of victory to end with prohibition (4).
15 No words to describe this display (4,4).
18 Resolutely bring up to strength (8).
19 Sweetheart time? (4).
21 Knock out daring spirit (6).
23 Mixed outcome of cabinet shake-up? (8).
25 Money taken at gunpoint (4).
26 Heavens! Three stars wasted so to speak (6,4).
27 Biography of 5 down? (8).
28 Heads for the hills? (6).

DOWN

2 Graphic picture of head of house in trouble (5).
3 Impressionist's forte going on the air? (6-3).
4 How silly billies meet? (4-2).
5 A lot of sadness from the time of his birth (10,5).
6 Old head-dress not everyone finds annoying (8).
7 Drink up! Splendid! (5).
8 He's not even included (3,3,3).
14 Able maybe to hold forth with much ornamentation (9).
16 Party on board — serve drinks here (4-5).
17 Pleased with one sort of oil made from flowers (8).
20 To wit, nice blend of natural views (6).
22 Daisy neat to look upon (5).
24 Small piece of land sounds a bit of a hole (5).

The Pound

	Bank buys	Bank sells
Australia $	1.77	1.69
Austria Sch	31.90	29.90
Belgium Fr	89.00	84.50
Canada $	2.31	2.22
Denmark Kr	15.16	14.36
Finland Mkk	8.67	8.22
France Fr	11.50	10.90
Germany DM	4.53	4.28
Greece Dr	117.00	110.00
Hongkong $	11.10	10.50
Ireland Pt	1.27	1.22
Italy Lir	2395.00	2295.00
Japan Yn	456.00	430.00
Netherlands Gld	4.96	4.70
Norway Kr	11.44	10.84
Portugal Esc	130.50	123.50
South Africa Rd	2.10	1.95
Spain Pta	192.50	183.50
Sweden Kr	11.03	10.45
Switzerland Fr	3.60	3.38
USA $	1.88	1.81
Yugoslav Dnr	97.50	91.50

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

London: The FT Index closed down 4.5 at 547.3.

Sporting fixtures

Football: English and Scottish League programme (page 19).

Rugby Union: John Player Cup, Welsh Cup and club matches (page 19).

Rugby League: Challenge Cup, second round: Hull Kingston Rovers v Leigh (2.15).

Racing: Meetings at Kempton Park (1.30), Doncaster (1.45) and Stratford (2).

TOMORROW

Football: Fourth division: Aldershot v Bradford City (3.15); Darlington v York City (3); Scunthorpe United v Crewe Alexandra (3).

Rugby League: Challenge Cup second round and first and second division matches (page 19).

Sport on TV

BBC1: 12.15, Grandstand including 12.20 Football focus, 12.55 Mountaineering, 1.15 Hockey, 2.30 International Badminton, 2.0 Show jumping, 2.30 International boxing, 3.15 Show jumping, 3.55 Rugby League; 9.45 Match of the Day.

ITV: 12.15, World of Sport including 12.20 On the Ball; 12.45 Boxing, and Cyclo-Cross, 1.20 The ITV Six—racing, 3.0 Athletics, 3.20 Greyhound Racing, 4.0 Wrestling.

TOMORROW

BBC2: 5.5, Rugby Special; 9.5, International pro-celebrity golf.

ITV: 2.30, London News Headlines followed by the Big Match.

In the garden

Time now, weather and soil conditions permitting, to put herbaceous beds or borders to rights ready for the summer. Cut down any old stems left from last year and remove dead leaves. Spread an organic fertilizer such as hoof and horn or bone meal at about 2 oz to the square yard between the plants and fork it lightly in. Remove or bury the weeds at the same time. Protect tender young shoots, particularly delphiniums, by scattering sharp clinker ash or chopped straw among and around the plants and reinforce this with slug pellets or water with liquid slug killer.

Lift and divide any plants if you wish to increase the stock; if the clumps are too large and congested they will probably produce poor flower heads. Phloxes and michaelmas daisies, rudbeckias, veronicas and heleniums may all be divided. If clumps or borders of herbaceous plants are infested with ground elder or couch grass, dig the plants up, divide them, pick out all the pieces of weed roots and plant them in a temporary bed for this summer.

St David's Day

A National Festival to mark St David's Day (March 1) will be held at the Albert Hall, London, at 7 pm today. Tickets, £1 to £7.50.

The Cardiff Polyphonic Choir and BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra will play a programme of Handel and Haydn at St Mary's Church, Swansea, at 7.30. The Liverpool Welsh Choral Union will give a concert of music by Handel and Mozart at Prichard Jones Mall, Bangor, 7.30 pm.

Roads

Wales and the West: A4: Bath Road, Bristol greatly reduced in width; A5: Temporary signals at Caergeiliog, between Holyhead and Bangor Gwynedd; A361: Partially closed, west of Taunton, Somerset.

The North: A629: Roadworks on Keighley road, Skipton, N Yorkshire; A1/A6136: Several lane closures on Catterick bypass N Yorkshire; A684: Long delays at Leeming Bar, N Yorkshire.

Scotland: A94: Single line traffic and temporary lights 1½ miles S of Coupar Angus during bridge reconstruction; A95: Temporary signals near Grantown on Spey, Inverness-shire; A832: Traffic lights operating between Achnasheen and Achanalt, the AA reports.

The papers

The Wall Street Journal attacks as "foolishness" the EEC initiative aimed at compelling multinational companies to inform their European workforces 40 days in advance of any strategic or organizational changes anywhere in the world. "Not content with having made such a colossal botch of their agricultural policy, the bureaucrats now want to play around with European industry."

Commenting in Bonn on the American defence policy, Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung applauds "its policy of strength." By forcing the Russians to make more military efforts, the United States is weakening them while the Europeans with credits and other concessions are helping them to overcome their malaise and to complete the military build-up.

From Paris Le Figaro observes that the tough French farmers doubt whether the charm of Mme Edith Cresson, the "perfumed" Minister of Agriculture, will be able to impose a 16 per cent price raise claim on France's EEC partners.

Anniversaries

Births: Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Portland, Maine, US, 1807; Ellen Terry, Coventry, 1847; Hubert Parry, Bournemouth, 1848. Deaths: John Evelyn, at Wotton, Surrey, 1706. Boer forces defeated the British at Majuba Hill, Natal, 1881. The Labour Representation Committee, forerunner of the Labour Party was founded in the Memorial Hall, Farringdon Street, London, 1900.

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John Tenniel was born in London, 1820. Henry James died in London, 1916. Ladysmith, besieged since November 2, 1899, was relived, 1900.

Viewing today

Phillips, Blenheim Street: watercolours and drawings, 9 to 12; prints, 9 to 12; furniture, carpets and objects, 9 to 12.

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Weather

Frontal troughs will move E across W and central areas of the British Isles.

6 am to midnight

SE, Central S England, Midlands: Becoming cloudy, outbreaks of rain spreading from W; wind S, moderate, increasing fresh and veering SW; max temp 7 or 8C (45 or 46F).

Channel Isles, SW England: Cloudy, occasional rain, becoming more persistent and heavy in places; wind mainly SW, moderate or fresh; max temp 8 to 10C (46 to 50F).

Wales, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow: Cloudy, occasional rain, becoming more persistent in places; wind mainly SW, fresh, locally strong; max temp 7 or 8C (45 or 46F).

NW, Central N England, Lake District: Becoming cloudy, rain spreading from W; wind mainly SW, fresh, locally strong; max temp 7 or 8C (45 or 46F).

Borders, Edinburgh and Dundee, Aberdeen: Mainly dry, fog patches clearing, bright intervals, becoming cloudy; wind SW, moderate, increasing fresh; max temp 7 to 9C (46 to 48F).

Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE, NW Scotland: Mainly cloudy, rain becoming more persistent; wind mainly SW, fresh or strong, locally gale force; max temp 6 to 8C (43 to 46F).

Argyll, N Ireland: Cloudy, rain, heavy at times, becoming showery; wind SW, strong, increasing gale force; max temp 6 or 7C (42 to 45F).

Orkney, Shetland: Rather cloudy, showers or longer periods of rain; wind W, strong to gale force, backing SW; max temp 6 or 7C (42 to 45F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Monday: Changeable and windy at times. Near normal temperatures.

SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea, Straits of Dover: Wind SW, moderate, increasing fresh; sea slight or moderate. English Channel (E): Wind SW, moderate or fresh; sea slight or moderate. St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Wind SW, moderate or fresh, increasing strong; sea moderate.

Sun rises: 6.51 am. Sun sets: 5.37 pm. Moon rises: 8.44 am. Moon sets: 10.1 pm. First quarter: March 2.

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Sun rises: 6.49 am. Sun sets: 5.39 pm. Moon rises: 9.7 am. Moon sets: 11.20 pm. First quarter: March 2.

Lighting up time

London 6.7 pm to 6.19 am
Bristol 6.17 pm to 6.28 am
Edinburgh 6.12 pm to 6.38 am
Manchester 6.12 pm to 6.30 am
Penzance 6.30 pm to 6.39 am

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London 6.9 pm to 6.17 am
Bristol 6.18 pm to 6.26 am
Edinburgh 6.14 pm to 6.35 am
Manchester 6.14 pm to 6.28 am
Penzance 6.32 pm to 6.36 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	c	8	46	Guernsey	c	7	45
Birmingham	r	6	43	Inverness	f	10	50
Blackpool	c	7	45	Jersey	r	7	45
Bristol	r	6	43	London	r	4	39
Cardiff	r	8	46	Manchester	f	8	46
Edinburgh	f	10	50	Newcastle	f	7	45
Glasgow	c	8	46	Ronaldsway	f	8	46

Satellite predictions

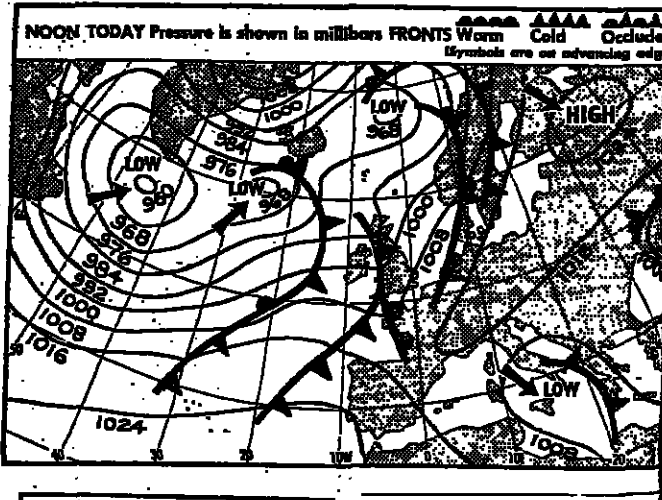
Figures give time of visibility, where rising, maximum elevation, and direction of setting. Asterisk denotes entering or leaving eclipse.

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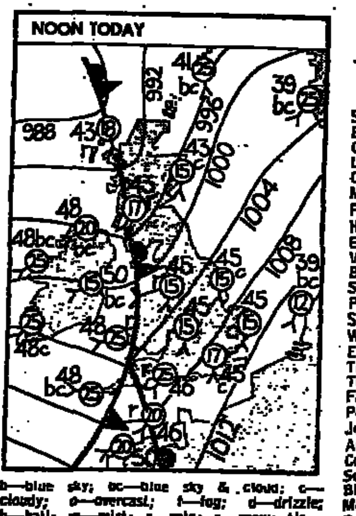
MANCHESTER: Cosmos 1220: 18.50-18.59; NW; 75SSE; SE. Cosmos 1286: (Feb 28) 4.38-4.39; N*; 15N; N and 6.13-6.17; NNW; 15NNE; NE. Cosmos 880R: 19.26-19.30; NNW; 45NNE; ENE* and 21.3-21.4; WNW; 20WNW; WNW*. Cosmos 1306: (Feb 28) 6.9-6.13; NNW; 15NNE; NE.

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MANCHESTER: Cosmos 1310R: 19.29-19.32; NNW; 35NE; NE* and 21.5-21.6; NW; 20WNW; WNW*. Cosmos 1220: 19.43-19.51; WNW; 30WSW; S. Cosmos 1286: (Mar 1) 5.31-5.33; N; 15NNE; NNE. Cosmos 880R: 18.59-19.4; NNW; 35NNE; E* and 20.36-20.38; WNW; 30W; W*. Cosmos 1306: (Mar 1) 5.22-5.25; NNW; 15NNE; NE. Cosmos 1518: (Mar 1) 3.45-3.47; E*; 20E; E and 5.21-5.25; W*; 65SSW; SE. Cosmos 1337: 19.8-19.11; WNW; 10W; WSW.



NOON TODAY Pressure is shown in millibars FRONTS Warm Cold Occluded (Symbols are on advancing edge)



NOON TODAY

b—blue sky; bc—blue sky & cloud; c—cloudy; o—overcast; f—fog; d—drizzle; h—hail; m—mist; r—rain; s—snow; th—thunderstorm; p—showers; prs—periodical rain with snow. Wind speed in mph

Highest and lowest

Highest day temp: Torquay, Tenby, Penzance, 13C (55F); lowest day max: Cromer, Wattisham, 3C (37F); highest rainfall: Tiree, 0.68in; highest sunshine: Douglas, 7.1hr.

Around Britain

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarborough	—	.05	6	43	Rain
Bridlington	—	.18	6	43	Rain
Cromer	—	.14	3	37	Rain p[illegible]
Lowestoft	—	.07	4	39	Sleet [illegible]
Clacton	—	.07	5	41	Rain p[illegible]
Margate	—	—	5	41	Cloudy
Folkestone	—	.01	5	41	Rain p[illegible]
Hastings	—	.02	6	43	Rain p[illegible]
Eastbourne	—	.04	6	43	Drizzle
Worthing	—	.14	7	45	Rain
Bognor	—	.09	7	45	Rain
Shanklin	—	.11	8	46	Rain
Poole	0.4	.05	10	50	Rain [illegible]
Swanage	0.3	.07	10	50	Shwr [illegible]
Weymouth	1.9	.12	11	52	Rain [illegible]
Exmouth	0.6	.13	12	54	Drizz [illegible]
Teignmouth	1.1	.09	12	54	Drizz [illegible]
Torquay	1.2	.09	13	55	Shwr [illegible]
Falmouth	4.0	.18	13	55	Sun lat[illegible]
Penzance	2.6	.55	13	55	Sun lat[illegible]
Jersey	—	.12	9	48	Rain
Anglesey	3.2	.13	10	50	Sun lat[illegible]
Colwyn Bay	6.2	.02	11	52	Sun p[illegible]
Southport	2.6	.14	9	48	Rain [illegible]
Blackpool	3.1	.10	9	48	Rain [illegible]
Morecambe	2.5	.17	9	48	Rain [illegible]
Douglas	7.1	.38	10	50	Sun p[illegible]
Eskdalemuir	1.2	.20	8	46	Rain
Prestwick	3.3	.18	9	48	Showers
Abbotsinch	0.9	.56	9	48	Showers
Tiree	0.9	.48	9	48	Rain
Stornoway	1.9	.45	8	46	Rain
Lerwick	—	.20	5	41	Rain
Wick	3.8	.15	7	45	Shwr [illegible]
Kinloss	3.3	.03	11	52	Rain [illegible]
Dyce	2.9	.14	9	48	Rain
Leuchars	2.5	.19	10	50	Showers

High tides

TODAY

	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	3.57	7.3	4.24	7.3
Aberdeen	3.31	4.2	3.32	4.4
Avonmouth	9.28	13.6	9.45	13.3
Belfast	12.59	3.3	1.14	3.6
Cardiff	9.11	12.5	9.28	12.3
Devonport	7.58	5.5	8.20	5.3
Dover	12.55	6.7	1.12	6.5
Falmouth	7.28	5.3	7.50	5.1
Glasgow	3.00	4.6	3.23	5.1
Harwich	1.51	3.9	2.22	3.9
Holyhead	12.15	5.5	12.32	5.7
Hull	8.33	7.4	8.42	7.7
Ilfracombe	8.13	9.3	8.30	9.1
Leith	4.49	5.4	5.02	5.6
Liverpool	1.13	9.3	1.31	9.6
Lowestoft			12.1	2.3
Margate	1.58	4.8	2.29	4.7
Milford Haven	8.29	7.2	8.46	6.9
Newquay	7.20	7.2	7.38	6.9
Oban	7.52	4.1	8.01	3.8
Penzance	7.01	5.6	7.24	5.4
Portland	9.09	2.1	9.37	1.9
Portsmouth	1.31	4.7	1.43	4.6
Shoreham	1.14	6.3	1.31	6.3
Swansea	8.32	9.6	8.46	9.4
Southampton	12.54	4.6	1.03	4.5
Tees	5.53	5.3	5.58	5.6
Walton-on-Naze	1.44	4.3	2.09	4.2

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	AM	HT	PM
London Bridge	4.31	7.2	5.01
Aberdeen	4.10	4.1	4.16
Avonmouth	10.06	13.2	10.23
Belfast	1.42	3.3	1.59
Cardiff	9.49	12.3	10.06
Devonport	8.29	5.4	8.50
Dover	1.31	6.6	1.52
Falmouth	7.59	5.2	8.20
Glasgow	3.41	4.8	4.06
Harwich	2.29	4.0	3.02
Holyhead	12.55	5.4	1.12
Hull	9.11	7.3	9.21
Ilfracombe	8.51	9.1	9.08
Leith	5.32	5.3	5.45
Liverpool	1.49	9.2	2.09
Lowestoft	12.03	2.5	12.41
Margate	2.30	4.8	3.05
Milford Haven	9.07	7.0	9.25
Newquay	8.00	7.0	8.18
Oban	8.29	3.9	8.36
Penzance	7.34	5.5	7.56
Portland	9.45	2.0	10.09
Portsmouth	2.14	4.6	2.27
Shoreham	1.50	6.3	2.09
Southampton	1.51	4.6	1.42
Swansea	9.08	9.4	9.22
Tees	6.32	5.1	6.41
Walton-on-Naze	2.18	4.2	2.47

Tide measurement in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

		C	F			C	F			C	F			C
Ajaccio	f	9	48	Chicago				Madrid	c	13	55	Salzburg	sn	[illegible]
Akrotiri	c	17	63	Cologne	s	3	37	Majorca	c	13	55	San Paulo		
Alexandria	f	19	66	Copenhagen	sn	-4	25	Malaga	c	15	59	San Francisco		
Algiers	f	14	57	Corfu	s	12	54	Malta	c	15	59	Singapore		
Amsterdam	f	3	37	Dallas				Miami				Stockholm	c	[illegible]
Athens	s	16	61	Dublin	c	10	50	Milan	s	5	41	Strasbourg	f	[illegible]
Bahrain				Dubrovnik	c	9	48	Montreal				Sydney		
Barbados				Faro	c	16	61	Moscow	c	-2	28	Tangier	f	[illegible]
Barcelona	s	12	54	Florence	c	3	37	Munich	sn	-3	27	Teheran		
Beirut	s	20	68	Frankfurt	s	1	34	Nairobi				Tel Aviv	c	[illegible]
Belgrade	c	2	36	Funchal	s	18	64	Naples	r	9	48	Tenerife	f	[illegible]
Berlin	c	2	36	Geneva	s	0	32	New York				Tokyo		
Bermuda				Gibraltar	s	15	59	Nice	s	10	50	Toronto		
Biarritz	r	9	48	Helsinki	s	-3	27	Oslo	c	-1	30	Tunis	c	[illegible]
Boulogne	c	3	37	Innsbruck	f	-2	28	Ottawa				Valencia	f	[illegible]
Bordeaux	r	8	46	Istanbul	f	10	50	Paris	c	2	36	Vancouver		
Boston				Johannesburg				Prague	f	1	34	Venice	f	[illegible]
Brussels	c	3	37	Las Palmas	f	20	68	Reykjavik	c	3	37	Vienna	sn	[illegible]
Budapest	r	3	37	Lisbon	c	15	59	Rhodes	f	14	57	Warsaw	c	[illegible]
Cairo				Locarno	s	8	46	Riyadh				Washington		
Cape Town				Los Angeles				Rio de Janeiro				Zurich	s	[illegible]
Casablanca	f	17	63	Luxembourg	s	0	32	Rome	r	10	50			

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